

Court in its discretion, from which there is to be no appeal, to allow the said Hashabiah Haines, for monies paid or liabilities assumed by him on behalf of his ward, without the authority of said Court being first obtained, and for which no warrant can be found in the existing general law.

I am unable to understand for what purpose it was inserted in said bill. It even seems broad enough to authorize the Orphans' Court to re-imburse the guardian for monies *bona fide* paid and liabilities assumed on behalf of his ward, out of the principal of the proceeds of real estate of the ward, which by the general law of the State can only be diminished with the approbation both of the Orphans' Court and a Court of Equity. (See Code of Public General Laws, Article XCIII., sections 165 and 171.)

The only reasons stated upon the face of the bill for the extraordinary legislation which is contemplated, are, that the "minor, now in his twenty-first year, is of good moral character, of sober and industrious habits, and is desirous of getting possession of his property," and that "the guardian is desirous that his ward may receive all his property, and be allowed to act as a man of full age in reference thereto."

These reasons could, I presume, be urged with equal force in support of similar applications on behalf of a large majority of the minors over twenty years of age in the State. I think it safe to assume, that the large majority of them are of good moral character, and of sober and industrious habits, and desirous of getting possession of their property, and that there are few guardians who, in the management of the estates of their wards, have exceeded the warrant of the law; who would not be desirous finally to close their accounts during the minority of their wards, if by so doing they could obtain allowance for all monies *bona fide* paid, and liabilities assumed and entered into on behalf of said wards without authority of law.

Entertaining the views which I have briefly set forth, I am compelled to return the said bill, that you may carefully re-examine its provisions.

JAMES BLACK GROOME.

Which was read.

The Senate then proceeded as the Constitution provides to reconsider the said bill returned by the Governor to the Senate with his objections, which bill is in the following words, *te wit:*

An Act to authorize Hashabiah Haines of Carroll county, to settle his accounts as guardian to William L. Haines, in the Orphans' Court of Baltimore city, and to deliver over the estate to his said ward.