

as small debts; and the father, guardian, or master of such apprentice or other minor shall also be entitled to recover damages in an action on the case against the person so offending.

Id s 25
1793, c 45, s 7.
Orphans' Court
may award and
compel per-
formance of
contract, defec-
tive in form

Master may de-
tain apprentice

25. If any contract of apprenticeship, whether defective in form or not, hath been partly executed, the Orphans' Court may award and compel the terms, or any part of the terms, to be performed by the master or mistress, or by the apprentice, as justice and equity may require; and the master or mistress of any apprentice may detain the said apprentice in his or her service till such apprentice shall be discharged by the court, and maintain such action against strangers as if such apprentice had been legally bound to serve.

Id s 26
1793, c 45, s 7
Apprentice run-
ning away,
Orphans' Court
may award
compensation

26. If any apprentice shall abscond or run away from his master or mistress, or in any way absent himself from the service of said master or mistress, the Orphans' Court may, during the whole of the remainder of the time during which such apprentice hath to serve, or at any time within five years thereafter, award such compensation to be made by such apprentice to his master, either by service or payment of money, as justice and equity may require, and may enforce payment so awarded by an attachment of contempt against his person or *feri facias* against his goods

Id s 27
1793, c 45, s 16.
Apprentice sub-
ject to widow,
until discharged
by Orphans'
Court

27. Every apprentice whose master shall die and leave a widow, shall continue at his home and business as before the death of his master, and shall be subject to the control and directions of the widow until the said apprentice shall be discharged by the Orphans' Court, or dealt with as hereinafter directed, and the Orphans' Court may continue any apprentice in her service so long as they shall be satisfied that the widow hath it in her power to and doth fulfil the contract made with her husband; and the harborers of any such apprentice before they are discharged by the court, shall be considered and shall suffer the same penalties as the harborers of other apprentices.

Id s 28
1793, c 45, ss.
2, 5, 14,
1794, c 47, s 1,
1814, c 104,
1830, c 64, s 7
When widow
may assign

28. The widow of any master of a male apprentice may, with the approbation of the Orphans' Court, if the apprentice was bound by the Orphans' Court, or the trustees of the poor, or two justices of the peace, the directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, or managers of the House of Refuge, or if the said apprentice was bound by his father, with the approbation of the father, assign the whole residue of the contract, on such consideration as she may agree for, to some other person of the same trade with the first master, and the new master and the apprentice shall be bound to perform the residue of the contract as if the master had been an original party thereto; and the gratuity or consideration, if any, received by the widow for such apprentice's time, shall be to her own use, and shall not be considered as assets of the deceased husband.

Id s 29
1793, c 45, s 14
Widow may sur-
render female
apprentice.

29. Where a female child is bound out to a married man, she shall serve out the residue of her time with the widow, on the death of the husband, and the widow shall make good and strictly comply with the terms of the contract with her deceased husband; but if