

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 6, sec. 21. 1793, ch. 45.

21. Any manufacturer or mechanic may take as an apprentice any male child, until he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years; provided, that the contract so made shall specify the age of the child at the time of making the same, and that the parent or parents of such child, (if living,) or if an orphan, the orphans' court of such county as the child shall reside in, shall see the contract within two months after its execution, and notify its approbation thereof by an endorsement on the same; and that the said contract be then recorded among the records of the orphans' court; and when so recorded, the said contract shall be of the same validity as if the same had been originally made with the father of said child or with the orphans' court.

Ibid. sec. 22 1814, ch. 104. 1817, ch. 72. 1830, ch. 64 1849, ch. 341.
1868, ch. 216.

22. The directors of the Maryland penitentiary and the managers of the house of correction, or any three of them, respectively, may bind as apprentices, until the age of twenty-one for males, and eighteen for females, the children of female convicts brought into the penitentiary or house of correction, respectively, with their mothers, or born there during their time of service; and the managers of the house of refuge shall have the same power over minors committed thereto; and all indentures or contracts so made shall be recorded in the orphans' court of Baltimore city within thirty days from the execution thereof.

Ibid. sec. 23. 1793, ch. 45.

23. All apprentices, except those bound to tradesmen and mechanics residing in any town, shall be compelled to perform reasonable labor in wheat, rye and hay harvest only, unless the particular contract shall be otherwise.

Ibid. sec. 24. 1748, ch. 19. 1793, ch. 45. 1821, ch. 219.

24. If any person shall entice any apprentice or other minor from the care, direction, service or employment of the father, guardian or master of such apprentice or other minor, or shall induce or encourage any apprentice or other minor to disobey any lawful command of his father, guardian or master, or shall