

white females under the age of eighteen years as may be committed to the corporation by their parents or guardians, and the same to retain within the refuge conducted by said corporation until they reach the age of eighteen years, or to bind them out as apprentices until they reach the said age, as the directors of the said corporation may elect.

1878. ch. 442, sec. 2.

322. White females under the age of eighteen years may be committed to the said house of the good shepherd by a justice of the peace for any of the counties, or the city of Baltimore, on complaint and due proof made to him by the parents, guardians or next friend of such minor, that, by reason of incorrigible or vicious conduct, such minor has rendered her control beyond the power of such parents or guardian, or next friend, and made it manifestly requisite that from regard to the morals and future welfare of such minor, and the peace and order of society, she should be placed under the guardianship of the house of the good shepherd.

Ibid. sec. 3.

323. White females under the age of eighteen years may be committed to the said house of the good shepherd by the authority aforesaid, when complaint and due proof have been made that such minor is a proper subject for the guardianship of the said corporation, in consequence of vagrancy, or of incorrigible or vicious conduct, and that from the moral depravity or otherwise of the parent, guardian or next friend, in whose custody such minor may be, such parent, guardian or next friend is unable or unwilling to exercise the proper care and discipline over such incorrigible or vicious minor.

Ibid. sec. 4.

324. The said corporation shall have power to bind out all minors committed to their care, with the consent of such minors, as apprentices during their minority, to such persons and places, within or out of this State, and to learn such proper trades or employments, as in the judgment of such managers will be most conducive to the reformation and the future benefit and advantage of such children; and the indentures by which children