

Sentence for First Offense—Release on Recognizance.

1894, ch. 402.

304 A. In any case in which a person is convicted before any court of larceny or false pretenses or any other offense not capital, and no previous conviction is proved against him, if it appears to the court before whom he is so convicted, that regard being had to the youth, character and antecedents of the offender, to the nature of the offense, and to any extenuating circumstances under which the offense was committed, it is expedient that the offender be released on probation of good conduct, the court may, instead of sentencing him at once to any punishment, direct that he be released on his entering into a recognizance, with or without sureties; and during such period as they court may direct, to appear and receive judgment when called upon, and in the meantime to keep the peace and be of good behavior; and the court may, if it thinks fit, direct that the offender shall pay the costs of the prosecution or some portion of the same, within such period and in such instalments as may be directed by the court; and at any time within such period, but not afterwards, the court may, upon being satisfied by information on oath that the offender has failed to observe any of the conditions of his recognizance, issue process for his apprehension, and thereupon, without further proceedings, impose sentence upon him.

III.

PLACES OF REFORMATION AND PUNISHMENT.**House of the Good Shepherd for Colored Girls.**

1894, ch. 187.

329 A. The House of the Good Shepherd for Colored Girls of the city of Baltimore, organized under the general incorporation laws of this State, for the purpose of affording a refuge to colored females who have had the misfortune to lead an evil life, and who wish to abandon their vicious course and reform, such persons to be received without distinction of creed, age or place of birth or residence, is declared to be a body corporate and politic of this State for the purpose aforesaid, and is hereby, as to colored females, vested with all such powers and charged with all such duties as have heretofore been conferred or charged by