

any apprentice may detain the said apprentice in his or her service till such apprentice shall be discharged by the court, and may maintain such action against strangers as if such apprentice had been legally bound to serve.

1888, art. 6, sec. 26. 1860, art. 6, sec. 26. 1793, ch. 45. 1818, ch 189.

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 for contempt against his person or *feri facias* against his goods.

Ibid. sec. 27. 1860, art. 6, sec. 27. 1793, ch. 45.

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 direction 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 fulfil and doth fulfil the contract made with her husband; and the harborers of any such apprentices, before they are discharged by the court, shall suffer the same penalties as the harborers of other apprentices.

Ibid. sec. 28. 1860, art. 6, sec. 28. 1793, ch. 45. 1794, ch. 47.
1814, ch. 104. 1830, ch 64.

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