

first, colored minors may be committed 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 parent, guardian or next friend of such minor, that, by reason of incorrigible or vicious conduct such minor has rendered his or her control beyond the power of such parent, 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 he or she should be placed under the guardianship of the house of reformation; second, colored minors may be committed by the authority aforesaid, when complaint and due proof have been made that such minor is a proper subject for the guardianship of the house of reformation 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; third, such children as their parents, guardians or friends may desire to place therein for temporary restraint and discipline, and whose parents, guardians or friends shall agree and contract with the managers for their support and maintenance; and fourth, minors committed by the several courts in this State, as provided in sections 502 and 507.

1888, art. 27, sec 348. 1870, ch. 392, sec. 20.

**506.** It shall be the duty of the justice of the peace when committing a vagrant or incorrigible or vicious minor, under the preceding section, in addition to the commitment, to annex the names and residences of the different witnesses examined before him and the substance of the testimony given by them, respectively, on which the adjudication was founded; and the same duty shall be performed by the clerk of any court, the judge whereof shall make such commitment.

Ibid sec 349. 1870, ch. 392, sec. 21. 1882, ch. 382.

**507.** Whenever any colored minor under the age of sixteen years shall be convicted before any court or justice of the peace of any felony or other offense against any law or laws of this State, the judge of said court or said justice, in his discretion, and with reference to the character of said institution as a place of reform and not of punishment, may order said minor so convicted to be removed to and confined in the