

CHAPTER 249.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact section three of chapter two hundred and seventy-seven of the acts passed at December session, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, an act amendatory to the charter of the Baltimore Orphans' Asylum, so as to give power to said institute to have committed legally and more effectually to its care and control destitute children who are the objects of its charity.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section three of chapter two hundred and seventy-seven of the acts passed at December session, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Repealed and re-enacted.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That when any two justices of the peace shall have placed any child or children in the aforementioned asylum, such child or children shall be under and subject to the like regulations, powers and authority, as though placed in said asylum by any orphans' court; and said asylum is hereby authorized to receive into its custody, care and control from any parent or guardian or guardians, or any orphans' court, or any justice of the peace, any destitute child which it may be willing to accept; and any parent upon his, her or their offer, and any orphans' court or justice of the peace, upon being satisfied that any child is destitute or without means for his or her maintenance and education, may place any such child in said asylum, to be controlled and retained by it in accordance with its rules and regulations, and in conformity with the several Acts of Assembly heretofore passed in relation thereto, or to be bound out by it as an apprentice to any trade, business or occupation suitable to the sex of the child, or if a female, to learn to be useful in housewifery or other purposes, or to place them for adoption, or as inmates, until the age of eighteen, if a female, and twenty-one if a male,

Receive destitute children.

How controlled.