

association authorized by law to receive such children, and to retain or bind them out in this state; provided, that all such acts of binding, placing or transferring shall be evidenced by an instrument of writing, executed in duplicate, signed by the president of the Nursery and Child's Hospital, of Baltimore city, and by the person or corporation taking such child as apprentices, or for adoption, or for subsequent custody, care and rearing, and by such signers acknowledged before any officer competent under the laws of this state to take acknowledgment of deeds, at the proper cost and charges of the party so taking, receiving or adopting; and provided, also, that the said Nursery and Child's Hospital, of Baltimore city, shall keep a fair record, in a suitable book, of the admission of all children so received into its custody and care, in which shall be stated the date of admission, the name and age of the child at the time of admission, the name of the person or justice by whom or the court by which committed, and the name of the nearest relative of the child when known to the corporation or its officer charged with the admission of inmates, and the name and address of any person to whom, or institution to which any child or children may be committed by the said Nursery and Child's Hospital, of Baltimore city, and one copy of the instruments so to be executed in duplicate shall be retained and properly filed by said Nursery and Child's Hospital, of Baltimore city, and shall be open to inspection.

Proviso.

Effective.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1888.