

age of fourteen years, or for any shorter period, and at or before said age to bind out any and every one of said foundlings and infants for a term of time not exceeding the age of twenty-one years, if the child be a male, or of eighteen years, if the child be a female, as an apprentice to learn any trade or business suitable to the sex of the child, or to learn to be useful in housewifery, or to place them for adoption or as inmates with any families or persons, or transfer them to the custody, charge, care and training of any corporate or other home, asylum or other association authorized by law to receive such children, and retain or bind them out in this State; provided, that all such acts of binding, placing or transferring shall be evidenced by instrument of writing, signed by the president of said Protestant Infant Asylum of Baltimore City, and by the person or corporation taking such child as apprentice, or for adoption, or for subsequent custody, care and rearing; and by such signers acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace of this State, and within one month from the date thereof recorded in the office of the Register of Wills of Baltimore City, at the expense of the party so taking, receiving or adopting; and provided, also, that the said Protestant Infant Asylum 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 relatives when known to the corporation or its officer charged with the admission of inmates.

St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum.

896. Any Justice of the Peace of the City of Baltimore may commit to, or the Supervisors of City Charities may place in the care of the St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum of the City of Baltimore, foundlings and all children who may be destitute or suffering for want of support, either as orphan children or because of the extreme indigence or vagrancy, or bad habits or neglect of parents, or who may be found begging