

old, or any shorter period, and to bind them out for a time not to exceed said ages of twenty-one years and eighteen years respectively, as apprentices to learn any trade or business, or to learn to be useful in housewifery, or may, under terms proper in the view of the said officers and board of Directors, and to be by them stipulated, place them for adoption, or as inmates with any families or persons; said Corporation, in the exercise of any of these powers of binding or placing out, not being limited to places within this State, and all such acts being required to be in writing, signed by the President of said Corporation, and by the persons taking the children as apprentices, or as aforesaid, and by said signers acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace for Baltimore city, and within one month from the date of such writing, recorded in the office of the Register of Wills of said city.

Foundlings  
and infant or-  
phans.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the foundlings and infant orphan children under the care and charge aforesaid, shall be and remain under the control and restraint, and in charge of said Corporation, and of the officers and board of Directors thereof, and bound to obedience to their rules, regulations and discipline, to every effect as apprentices are bound in respect of their masters and mistresses, and subject to all laws concerning the duties and liabilities, protection of apprentices.

In force.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.