

*County (or the Criminal Court of Baltimore City) and, no criminal information shall thereafter be filed or the matter referred to the Grand Jury* **NOR SHALL ANY PROSECUTION THEREAFTER BE HAD** *as to the bastard child unless the accused shall have failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the settlement.*

8. Whenever a person accused of bastardy, after proceedings before a justice of the peace or a State's Attorney, shall consent thereto in writing, or whenever upon failure to give such consent such person shall be found guilty, the Court shall issue an order directing such person:

(1) to pay for the maintenance and support of said child to the mother, or to the person having said child in custody, or to the county or to the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, if said child be a public charge, until said child reaches the age of **[sixteen]** *eighteen* years, or during the life of such child if it should die before reaching the age of **[sixteen]** *eighteen* years, such sum as may be agreed upon, if consent proceedings be had, or in the absence of agreement, such sum as the court may fix, with due regard to the circumstances of the accused person. The Court, in its discretion, may also direct payment of the whole or part of the expenses incurred by the mother during her confinement, and the reasonable funeral expenses of the child if it die under the age of **[sixteen]** *eighteen* years, and

(2) to give bond to the State of Maryland in such penalty as the Court may fix, with good and sufficient securities, conditioned on making the payments required by the Court's order, or any amendments thereof. Failure to give such bond shall be punished by commitment in the jail or the House of Correction until said bond be given but not exceeding two years. Upon petition of the mother, State's Attorney or either of the sureties, the Court may inquire into said bond at any time, and in its discretion require a new bond.

9. *Whenever a person accused of bastardy shall have failed to give bond as provided under Section 8 of this Article, or shall have consented to the passage of an Order to support a bastard child, and has failed to comply therewith, or has pleaded guilty to an indictment or information charging him with bastardy or has been found guilty under such indictment or information after trial by Court, sentence to a term of two years in the House of Correction shall be imposed; provided, however, that the Court in its discretion may suspend such sentence and place the accused on probation on condition that he make payments as the Court may direct for the support of the bastard child until the said child reaches the age of eighteen years, or if a girl child until she shall marry, or during the lifetime of such child if it should die before reaching the age of eighteen years; and that the accused enter into a recognizance in such form as the Court may direct, with or without securities. It shall also be a condition of the probation that the accused not leave the State of Maryland without permission of the Court or change his address within said State without giving proper notice to a Probation Officer or other person designated by the Court; and the Court may in its discretion also impose as a condition of probation that the accused make payment of the whole or part of the expenses incurred by the mother during her confinement, and the reasonable funeral expenses of the child if it shall die under the*