

may be found begging about the streets of said city, or who are children of beggars, which children so committed to said charge and care, shall be and remain under the control and restraint, and in charge of said Corporation, and of the managers thereof, and bound to obedience to their rules and 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 of apprentices.

Entitled to retain female children under care until they are eighteen years of age.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the "Home of the Friendless," and the managers aforesaid, thereof, shall be entitled to retain under their care, restraint and charge aforesaid the said female children until they shall be eighteen years old, or any shorter period, and to bind them out for a time not to exceed said age of eighteen years, 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 managers, 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, and at least two Managers 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 six months from the date of such writing, recorded in the office of the Register of Wills of said city.

Copies of writings under the official seal of Register to be evidence.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if any parent or guardian, or any Judge of the Orphans' Court of Baltimore city, or any Justice of the Peace for said city, shall place under the care and control of the "Home of the Friendless," any female child under the age of eighteen years, such judge or justice so providing for the children as being within the description of children hereinbefore mentioned, or as suffering through the extreme indigence, or vagrancy, or bad habits, or neglect of parents, or as being illegitimate children, or children of persons out of this State, without a sufficient sustenance afforded, the said

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