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more, has now been several years in operation, and experience has fully and clearly proved the many advantages to the society resulting therefrom, more especially to that interesting class of society, the female orphans, who without the aid furnished by the humane, philanthopic and enlightened ladies who have charge of this invaluable institution, would be raised in ignorance and vice, and instead of being both useful and ornamental members of society, as many of them now are, they would only add to the list of the ignorant and vicious, already swelled to a melancholy extent; *And whereas*, The directresses of said institution are laudably desirous of the further promoting the interest of the children committed to their care, and believing that the tender age of sixteen is too early a period to permit a chaste and delicate female to be turned loose upon the world, more especially as many of them have not the advantages of parents or other friends to direct their unexperienced minds, have respectfully solicited this general assembly to pass a law to give their control over all such female children as are educated by them, until they shall arrive at the age of eighteen years—Therefore,

To bind out till 18 years of age.

BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the directresses of the Orphaline Charity School of the city of Baltimore, be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to bind out female children until they shall attain the age of eighteen years, or be married.

CHAPTER 139.

Passed Feb. 5, 1822.

A further supplement to an act entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing Free Schools in the several counties therein named and for other purposes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, By an act entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland, and for the extension of the charters of the several banks in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes, and its supplements, a fund has been pledged for the establishment of free schools throughout this state, the said act and its several supplements have directed that the said fund should be equally divided among the several counties of this state. *And whereas*, By the act to which this is a supplement, a certain number of commissioners are named and appointed in and for each of the several counties of this state, for the purpose of carrying the objects of the said law and its several supplements into effect—Therefore,

Powers of old commissioners to cease—vested.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, all the power and authority vested in the commissioners named and appointed as aforesaid for Caroline county, shall cease and determine; and that all the power and authority which was vested in the commissioners aforesaid by the act aforesaid, shall be, and is hereby vested in the justices of the Orphans' Court for Caroline county, and their successors.

Preamble.

And whereas, It appears by the report of the Treasurer of the Western Shore, that in conformity to the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, the said treasurer hath transferred to the authorised agent of the commissioners of the school fund of Caroline county, the following bank stock, to wit: Of the Commercial and Farmers' Bank of Baltimore, two thousand three hundred and