

wishes of parents who can prove their ability to support them, or their childrens ability to support themselves?

I have the honor to be, &c.,

Very respectfully,

GEO. A. PHOEBUS.

*Endorsed*—“Asks information in reference to certain parts of General Order, No. 112.”

A boy residing in Freedom district, Carroll county, aged some thirteen or fourteen years, has been residing with Mr. Ignatius Gore, either as his own slave or hired to him as such until the New Constitution went into effect. As to his being the slave of Mr. Gore I am not certain. The boy now desires to reside with Gore, but his parents whom he knows only as such I believe by being told so, say that he shall not stay with Gore. Mr. Gore will not keep him unless he is bound to him. The boy refuses to go with his parents, and is willing to be bound by the Orphans' Court. The boy has been informed of his freedom, but still desires to be bound to Gore. The Orphans' Court are aware of his willingness, can they so bind him, so as not to conflict with the order in regard to the freed colored population?

CHAS. T. REIFSNIDER,

*Westminister, Carroll county, Maryland.*

*Endorsed*—“States a colored boy is willing to be bound to Mr. Ignatius Gore, but his parents are opposed to it. Asks if the Orphans' Court can bind him to Mr. Gore without conflicting with General Order, No. 112.”