

13. In every case where the consent of the father cannot be obtained by the widow of any deceased master, to assign the residue of the contract of any apprentice, it shall be lawful for any judge, or any two justices of the peace in the county where the deceased master did last reside, to appoint three persons of the same trade or occupation with the deceased master, any two of which shall value, upon oath or affirmation, the residue of the contract, and the father may make his election, either to pay the widow of the deceased master such valuation, or the widow shall have power to make the assignment, without his consent, of the residue of the indenture, with the approbation of the orphans' court.—*Ibid.* §. 15.

14. Every apprentice whose master shall die and leave a widow, shall continue at his home and business, as well after as before the death of his master, and shall be subject to the control and directions of the widow, until order be taken therein by the county or criminal court, or justice aforesaid; and the said county, &c. shall have power to continue any apprentice, so long as they or he shall be satisfied that the widow hath it in her power to, and doth fulfil the contract made with her husband; and the harborer or harborers of any apprentice or apprentices, before they are discharged, shall be considered, and shall suffer the same penalties as the harborers of servants are liable to under the laws of this state.—*Ibid.* §. 16.

15. Either the master or apprentice, upon a petition being filed, may apply to the court for the benefit of a trial by jury, and the court shall charge, as the law directs, the attending jury to determine the allegations contained in the said petition, which may be controverted.—*Ibid.* §. 17.

16. The act of 1786, c. 43.—Repealed.—*Ibid.* §. 18.

17. At any time, when the orphans' court of a county be not in session, any two justices of the peace of such county shall bind out as an apprentice any child which the said court may lawfully bind out; subject to the terms, regulations, and restrictions, prescribed by the act to which this is a supplement; but the contract of apprenticeship so made shall be approved and recorded agreeably to the sixth §. (*see above* Article 5.) of the said law. *Ibid.* §.—1794. c. 47, § 1.

18. The said two justices shall each have one quarter of a dollar for every contract of apprenticeship made before them as aforesaid, to be paid by the master. *Ibid.* §, 2.

See, *Servants and Slaves*, 20.—*Convicts*, 3.—*Criminal jurisdiction of Baltimore*, 8, 17.—*Militia*, 7.