

minors of either sex, who shall be convicted in any county court of this state of any offence which under the existing laws would be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary, as may be, in the judgment of said court, deemed proper objects of the House of Refuge, shall be committed to the said House of Refuge, and placed under the care and discipline of the managers thereof.

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Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the managers of the said House of Refuge shall have power to place the said minors, committed to their care, during their minority, that is to say, males until the age of twenty-one years, and females till the age of eighteen years, at such employment, and cause them to be instructed in such branches of useful knowledge as may be suitable to their years and capacities, and they shall have power to bind out said minors as apprentices during their minority as aforesaid, to such persons, and at such places, to learn such trades and employments as in their judgment will be most conducive to the reformation and tend to the future benefit of said minors.

May be employed and bound out.

Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That all minors who shall be committed to the House of Refuge by any of the county courts of this state, shall be clothed, maintained and instructed, by the said managers, at the public expense of the proper county, and the accounts of the said children shall be kept by the managers in the same manner that the accounts of convicts in the penitentiary are now directed to be kept.

How to be clothed.

Sec. 9. *And be it enacted*, That all minors who shall be arrested in the city or county of Baltimore, charged with any criminal offence, and who shall be unable to give bail for their appearance to answer said charge, shall, instead of being confined in jail, be committed to the House of Refuge, to await their trial.

Arrested, and unable to give bail.

Sec. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the managers of the House of Refuge, under this act, may from time to time make by-laws, ordinances and regulations, relative to the management, government, instruction, discipline, employment and disposition of the said minors, while in the said House of Refuge, not contrary to law, as they may deem proper, and may appoint such officers, agents, and servants, as they may deem necessary to transact the business of the said corporation, and may designate their duties; and further, that the said managers shall make annual report to the legislature of Maryland, of the number of minors received by them into the House of Refuge, the disposition which shall be made of the said children, by instructing or employing them in the said House of Refuge, or by binding them out as apprentices, the receipts and expenditures of

Managers, their powers—to report to Legislature.