

such apprentice to serve such further time, after the expiration of the period for which such apprentice may be bound, as will compensate the master or person entitled to the service, for all loss occasioned by such running away, including expenses of recaption; and said county court shall have full power to authorize the master of such absconding apprentice to sell him or her, and for the whole period he or she may have to serve, to any person within this State; *provided*, the said county court shall be satisfied that such apprentice was not induced to run away by the ill treatment, or fraud, or contrivance of the master.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That any constable, or the sheriff of said county, shall serve any process issued by any magistrates' court or the orphans' court, to bring the child or children of any free negro or mulatto before such court; and in the service of such process, shall arrest and carry such child or children before such court on the day named in such process; and the officer serving such process shall receive two dollars, and the court binding such apprentice, shall receive one dollar; and the said sums shall be paid by the person to whom the child may be bound as an apprentice.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That, upon the death of the master or his assignee, the property and interest of said master or assignee shall pass to the widow, if there be a widow of such deceased master or assignee, if no widow, then to the executor or administrator of said master or his assignee; *provided*, that no child be bound under this act, if the parent or parents have the means and are willing to support such child and keep the same employed, so as to teach habits of industry; *and provided*, that in binding out as aforesaid, those persons shall be preferred as masters who may be selected by the parents, if there be any, and if not, by the children, if the person selected by them be approved by the court.