

if a male, or twenty if a female, although the term of imprisonment in the sentence be for a longer time.

ART. . The Warden is authorized to bind out, by indentures of apprenticeship, such of the prisoners confined as come within the description contained in the next succeeding article; and the indentures shall impose the same obligations and give the same rights and remedies as indentures of apprenticeship made by a parent or guardian, with the assent of the minors, under the civil law of the State.

ART. . In order to be legally bound, pursuant to the last article, the apprentice must have been two years in the School of Reform; he must have learned to read, write, and understand the first three rules in arithmetic; and must have obtained a certificate signed by the Warden, (and if a female by the Matron), approved by the Inspectors, declaring that the moral conduct and diligence of the party has evinced such a reformation as, in their opinion, will render it safe to receive him as an apprentice.

ART. . The duration of the apprenticeship shall be until the party bound shall attain the age of twenty-one if a male, or nineteen if a female, unless, at the time of making the indenture, the male apprentice shall have attained nineteen years of age, or the female seventeen; in which case the indenture may be for three years, if the term of the sentence does not expire before; but if the term should expire before, the apprentice cannot be bound for a longer term than the attainment of twenty-one years for a male, or nineteen for a female, without his or her consent, and then only for the said term of three years.

ART. . The male apprentices shall be put out, if possible, to mechanics of the same trade they have been taught in the School of Reform; if no mechanic pursuing the same profession offers, some other demanding, as near as may be the same species of labour, shall be preferred; but whatever trade may have been taught to the apprentice, he may, by his own consent, be apprenticed to a farmer or a mariner.

ART. . The conditions of the articles of apprenticeship shall be, on the part of the apprentice, obedience to lawful commands, and diligence, sobriety, and honesty; on the part of the master, that he will perfect the apprentice in the trade he has been taught, or teach him the new business if such be the case, that he will continue his schooling at least one day in the week, that he will provide him necessary food, clothing, lodging, medical assistance, and that, at the end of the period, he will give him new clothing and a sum of money to be specified in the indenture, and such as the Warden and the master shall think reasonable.

ART. . No one shall be apprenticed to any one residing out of the State, nor shall the indenture be assignable without the assent of the apprentice.

ART. . The clause relating to the teaching and perfecting in a trade or business, is not indispensable in the indenture of a female.

ART. . No female shall be indented to an unmarried man, or to a married man living apart from his wife.

ART. . It shall be a condition in the indenture between the Warden and the master, that a report shall be made once in every year of the conduct of the apprentice to the Warden; and if he has reason to believe that his reformation is complete, that he will permit him, if