

Town Wardens, with  
approbation of two  
Justices, may bind orphan  
or abandoned infant  
children.  
[See 2 Geo. IV. Ch. 6.]

*Be it enacted* by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," and by the authority of the same, That when the father and mother of any infant child shall die, or shall abandon their infant child or children, it shall and may be lawful for the Town Wardens of any Township where such child or children shall be, by and with the approbation and consent of two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to bind the said child or children as apprentices, until he, she or they, shall have attained the age of twenty-one years in the case of males, and eighteen in the case of females; and an indenture to this effect, under their hands and seals, and countersigned by two Justices of the Peace, shall be good and valid in law.

The like power given to  
the mother, when the  
father abandons his infant  
children.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That when the father of any infant child or children shall abandon and leave such infant child or children with the mother, it shall and may be lawful for the mother in such case, by and with the approbation of two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to bind such child or children, as apprentices, until he, she or they, shall have attained the age of twenty-one years in the case of males, and eighteen in the case of females; and an indenture to that effect, under her hand and seal, and countersigned by two Justices, shall be good and valid in law.

Exception.

III. *Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That when the relations of any orphan or abandoned infant child or children are able and willing to support and bring them up, then and in such case it shall not be in the power of the Town Wardens to apprentice such child or children.

Further exception.

IV. *Provided also, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That no infant child or children, having attained the age of fourteen years, shall be liable to be apprenticed as aforesaid, unless he, she or they, consent thereto.

## CHAP. IV.

*AN ACT to enable Persons holding the Office of Register, to be Elected Members of the House of Assembly.*

[Passed 29th June, 1799.]

Preamble.

[See 7 Wm. IV. Ch. 114.]

**W**HEREAS by the sixteenth clause of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for the public registering