

sane mind, of the age of sixteen years, or more, abandoned by his father, and who shall have been supported, entirely by his own exertions for the space of one year or more next before the term of his apprenticeship, shall
 5 have the like power of becoming and binding himself apprentice ; also, any person of sane mind, of the age of sixteen years or more, whose father shall be incompetent, shall have the like power of becoming and binding himself apprentice.

10 V —And be it enacted, That in all other cases, except those coming within and provided for by the sixth section of this Act, where any minor shall be taken and shall bind himself apprentice, it shall be necessary that the consent, in writing to such apprenticeship of the father of such
 15 minor, if alive, and competent, be first obtained, but if dead, or incompetent, then the like consent of the legal guardian, if any, of such minor, if no such guardian, but the father shall, by his last will, duly executed, have directed any person or persons to apprentice such minor, the like
 20 consent of such person or persons, but if such father shall be dead, or incompetent, and there be no such guardian, and no such persons shall have been appointed by such will, or if such guardian or such persons shall refuse to act, then it shall be necessary previously to executing the Indenture of
 25 apprenticeship to obtain and endorse thereon the certificate of the Mayor, Recorder, or Police Magistrate of the town or city wherein the party taking the apprentice shall reside, if such party shall reside in a town or city, otherwise the certificate of some Justice of the Peace, the
 30 certificate to state such Mayor's Recorder's, Police Magistrate's or Justice of the Peace (as the case may be) approval of the apprenticeship, and the terms thereof, and be signed with the proper signature of the person granting the same, and in default of such consent or certificate
 35 as the case may be, such apprenticeship shall be liable to be avoided by such father, guardian, or person appointed by will, during the minority of the apprentice, and until they shall assent to such apprenticeship, and by such apprentice, at any time during his minority, and within one
 40 month after such apprentice shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, provided always that whenever such father, guardian, or other person appointed by will to apprentice such minor as aforesaid, shall join in the Indenture of apprenticeship, no further or other consent
 45 in writing, by them, shall be required.

Apprenticeship voidable by father or guardian, or person appointed by father's will, or in case of their refusal to act, of the Mayor, Recorder, or Police Magistrate, if entered into without his or their consent.

VI.—And be it enacted, that if such father be incom-

Consent of mother or of