

Appoint guardian to answer. Mode of evidence.

Answer so taken recognized.

Compensation to such commissioner.

guardian to answer for such infant or infants, and take the answer of such guardian; and the chancellor or court of equity may prescribe the mode and evidence of authenticating the execution of such commission; and the answer of every infant so taken in any case, when returned to the court issuing the commission, shall be as effectual as if taken under a commission duly executed within the jurisdiction of such court.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases in the court of chancery or a county court as a court of equity, the court shall tax as part of the costs of the case, a reasonable compensation and allowance to any commissioner or commissioners for taking the answer or answers of any infant or infants in said cases.

### CHAPTER 303.

AN ACT relating to the Importation of Passengers.

See 1833, ch. 177; 1834, ch. 84.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the frequent arrivals of passengers at the port of Baltimore, have introduced into that city a great number of paupers, who have become charges upon the city and county, and upon the several associations in said city, incorporated by the state, for the relief of foreign emigrants to the United States; *And whereas*, a large proportion of the passengers in the various ships, are paupers, and are, as such paupers, embarked, it is believed, under the direction of public authorities of foreign countries; *And whereas*, it is right that the evil in question should be remedied or alleviated as far as practicable; therefore,

Every master of vessel

Entering at custom house.

Shall report in writing under oath.

Name, &c. of every alien passenger.

Penalty for neglect.

Shall pay \$1 50 for each such passenger.

Or become bound, &c. to indemnify.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of September next, every master or commander of any vessel, arriving from a foreign country, or from any other of the United States, who shall enter said vessel at the custom house, in the city of Baltimore, shall, within twenty-four hours after such entry, make a report, in writing, on oath, to the mayor or register of said city, of the name, age, and occupation, of every alien who shall have been brought or carried as passenger, in such vessel, on the voyage whence said vessel shall have as aforesaid arrived, upon pain of forfeiture, for every neglect or omission to make such report, of the sum of twenty dollars for every such passenger neglected or omitted to be so reported.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said master or commander shall, within forty-eight hours after the entry of said vessel, pay in respect of each and every passenger aforesaid, who shall be above the age of five years, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents to the said mayor or register, or at the option of said master or commander, he may in lieu of such payment, as to all or any of said passengers, become bound by specialty to the mayor and city council of Baltimore, with two sufficient sureties, to be