

Lotteries entitled to draw in succession, and consolidated, how to be drawn.

SEC. 5. And be it enacted, That should the managers of two lotteries entitled to draw in immediate succession, agreeably to the provisions of this act, agree to consolidate either by themselves, or together, with the managers of one or more lotteries, then and in that case such consolidated lottery shall be entitled to the same length of time to propose their scheme, prepare to draw, and draw said lottery, as the said two lotteries entitled to draw in immediate succession would have been entitled to, had they been drawn separately.

CHAPTER 222.

* 1816, ch. 219. AN ACT to repeal the third section of an Act,* entitled, an Act to suppress Duelling.

Section repealed. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, that the third section of an act, entitled, an act to suppress duelling, be and the same is hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 226.

AN ACT relative to German and Swiss Redemptioners.

Preamble. WHEREAS, it has been found that German and Swiss emigrants, who for the discharge of the debt contracted for their passage to this country, are often obliged to subject themselves to temporary servitude, are frequently exposed to cruel and oppressive impositions by the masters of the vessels in which they arrive, and likewise by those to whom they become servants,

A register to be appointed.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized, annually to appoint, in every port of entry in this state, some trustworthy person, skilled in the German and English languages, as register of all deeds for the apprenticeship, or for the servitude of German or Swiss emigrants, arriving from foreign parts at such port or place.

His duty.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of said register, after he shall have taken an oath, to be administered by the clerk of the county court of the county wherein he shall reside, that he will faithfully execute the duties of his office, without prejudice, or partiality, to open an office, to draw up, as from time to time he may be required, and to see to the due and legal execution of the instrument of writing regulating the apprenticeship of every German or Swiss redemptioner, who shall after the passage of this law arrive within such port or place of this state, from beyond sea; and no indenture or writing relating to such apprenticeship shall be of any avail, unless the same be drawn up by said register, or be by him approved of.