

brought on shore at the expense of the owners of the vessel, until some one shall contract for a term of servitude with such emigrant, and if no purchaser shall appear within thirty days after such emigrant shall come on shore, that is, within sixty days after arrival, the master or owners of the vessel shall have no lien or claim on such emigrant, but the liability for the passage money, and other expenses, shall attach, like any other debt or contract, any contract, custom or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Children  
not answer-  
able for  
passage  
money.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That no child or children shall in any case be answerable in any manner for the freight or passage money of their parents, dead or alive, nor shall parents be responsible for the freight or passage money of the deceased children, nor a husband for his deceased wife, nor a wife for her deceased husband, any custom, pretended contract, promise or agreement, made beyond sea, to the contrary notwithstanding.

In case of  
death on  
board  
vessel,  
masters to  
deliver  
inventories  
to register,  
&c.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That all masters of vessels arriving at any harbour, port or place, within this state, shall in case of the death of any German or Swiss emigrant, within ten days after his, her, or their arrival, deliver to said register an accurate inventory, under oath, of all the property of such emigrant on board of such vessel, under the penalty of two hundred dollars, to be recovered as other fines are recoverable, and that the said register shall dispose at public sale of the same, and apply the proceeds to the payment of the passage money due by such emigrant, or said register may appraise the same, and the master or owners of the vessel may take such property at the appraised value in part payment or satisfaction of the claim for passage money; *Provided always*, that if the passenger died before the expiration of one-half of the duration of the voyage, no passage money shall be due, but the heirs of the deceased shall be entitled to the proceeds, and the register shall be accountable for them to such heirs.

Proviso.

Register's  
fees.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That said register shall be entitled for writing the deed of indenture, and registering the matters above mentioned, to the same fees as a notary public, and for the sale or appraisal of property in manner aforesaid, he shall be entitled to five per cent. commission on the gross amount; and if the proceeds arising from the sale as aforesaid should remain in hand uncalled for during three years, after publication in two newspapers, one of which shall be in Baltimore, which publication shall be made immediately after the sale, in such case the proceeds, without interest, shall be paid over by the register to the treasurer of the German Society of Maryland, for the use of said society.