

preceding section, and conditioned to indemnify and save harmless each and every city, town and county in this State from any cost which such city, town or county shall incur, for the relief or support of the person named in the bond, within five years from the date of the bond, and also to indemnify and refund any charge or expense such city, town or county may necessarily incur for the support or medical care of the person named therein, if received into the alms-house or hospital, or any other institution under their care.

252. Every such bond shall be signed by two or more sufficient securities, residents of the State of Maryland, each of whom shall prove, by oath or otherwise, that he is owner of a freehold in the said State of the value of three hundred dollars over and above all claims or liens thereon or against him, including any contingent claim which may accrue from or upon any former bond given under the provisions of this law.

253. If the principal in said bond choose, instead of the security required in the preceding sections, he may secure said bond by mortgage of real estate, or by the pledge and transfer of public stock of the United States, or of the State of Maryland or of the city of Baltimore, or by deposit of the amount of the penalty in some bank, subject to the order of the mayor of the city.

254. Any security, whether real or personal, offered by such owner or consignee, shall first be approved by the mayor of the city.

255. The owner or consignee of any vessel, may at any time within three days after the landing of such passengers, commute for the bond or bonds hereinbefore required, by paying to the register of the city the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for each and every passenger reported as hereinbefore required by this article, and the receipt of such sum by the register shall be deemed a full and sufficient discharge from the requirement of giving such bonds.

256. If any alien passenger in such vessel shall be suffered to land therefrom at any place within the distance of fifty miles from said city, with the intent to proceed thereto otherwise than in said vessel, the master or commander thereof shall forfeit and pay for every such person the sum of one hundred