

and board of managers shall appoint, they giving at least thirty days notice of the payments so required in the newspapers aforesaid, and in case of failure to make payments as shall be required, all antecedent payments shall be forfeited.

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6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the managers first elected as aforesaid shall hold their seats until the first Monday in November next following the election to be made agreeably to the mode prescribed as aforesaid, and upon the first Monday of November in each and every year thereafter, there shall be a new election for eight managers, who shall on the second Monday of November, proceed to elect their president: and the president and managers thus annually elected, shall have full power and authority to make, alter or repeal, by-laws for their government; *Provided always*, that they are not inconsistent with, or repugnant to this act, and the laws of this state.

Managers to be elected annually

Proviso

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the president and managers, so soon as the said wharf shall be finished, shall have full power to impose such reasonable tolls or wharfage for the use of the same, and to adopt such regulations for the management of the said wharf, as they may think right and just.

Wharfage

CHAP. CCXXVI.

*An Act relative to German and Swiss Redemptioners.* Lib. TH. No. 6, fol. 166. Passed Feb 16 1818

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.

Preamble

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised, 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.

A register to be appointed

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.

His duty

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the further duty of said register, immediately after the execution of any indenture relative to the apprenticeship of any such emigrant, to transmit the same to the clerk of the county court of the county where such emigrant shall arrive, there to be recorded, for which recording the said clerk shall be entitled to receive the fees usual for recording such wri-

Further duty