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tings, to be paid by the persons to whom such indenture shall be made; and the said register shall keep an accurate register or account of the name or names of every person indented or bound before him as aforesaid, their sex, age, time of apprenticeship or servitude, the country whence they came, to whom bound, and transmitted by said register as aforesaid for record.

No minor to be indented except by parents

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no minor under the age of twenty one years shall be indented before the said register, except by his or her parents, or next of kin; and in default of relatives, then by the direction of the orphans court of the county where such emigrant shall arrive.

Covenant to indenture

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every such indenture shall contain a covenant or stipulation by the master or mistress of any minor under the age of twenty-one years, to give to such minor, annually, at least two months schooling during his or her apprenticeship or servitude.

No emigrant to serve longer than four years

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no emigrant shall in any case be bound to serve longer than four years, unless in case of male minors, under the age of seventeen years, and female minors under the age of fourteen years, who may be obliged to serve any period so that the males may be free at the age of twenty-one years, and the females at eighteen.

Not to be detained longer on board vessels than 30 days, &c.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no German or Swiss emigrants arriving within any port, harbour, or place in this state, shall be detained on board of the vessel in which he or she arrived, longer than thirty days after such arrival, and during this detention, such emigrants shall receive from the master, consignee, or owners of such vessel, good and sufficient provisions, without any increase in the period of apprenticeship or servitude, or any cost or charge on such emigrants.

Liability for ill-treatment

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any emigrants shall be longer detained, or shall receive cruel or ill-treatment from the master or officer on board of said vessel, or shall take sick, or be otherwise incapable of remaining on board, it shall be the duty of the register, after being informed of the complaint, to communicate the same to the judge of the county court of the county where such emigrant shall arrive, or to a judge of the Baltimore city court, if the emigrant shall arrive in the port of Baltimore, who on being satisfied of the correctness of the statement, may order and direct that such emigrant shall, with his property, be 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 answerable for passage money

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,