

any custom, pretended contract, promise or agreement, made beyond sea, to the contrary notwithstanding. CHAP. 226.

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

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. Register's fees.

CHAP. CCXXVII.

*An Act for the better protection of Slaveholders in the several Counties therein mentioned.* Lib. TH. No. 6, fol. 169. Passed Feb 16 1818

A Supplement, 1818, ch. 184.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of May next, it shall not be lawful for any licensed retailer or retailers in Calvert county, Anne-Arundel county, and Saint-Mary's county(a), or for any person or persons residing in either of those counties, accustomed to make and sell distilled spirits, or other liquors, to suffer any free negro or mulatto, or any negro or mulatto servant or slave, to be in his, her, or their store-house, or other house wherein he, she or they may be accustomed to sell distilled spirits, or other liquors, between sunset in the evening, and sun-rise of the succeeding morning; *Provided always*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to the case of such aforesaid servant or slave, as shall have a written order or license for that purpose, from his master, mistress, overseer, or other person in whose employment he may actually be, with the consent of his owner or owners. No retailer to suffer negroes in his house after sunset

(a) By 1818, ch 184, the provisions of this act, which are not repugnant to the provisions of that act, are declared to be in full force and effect in Prince-George's, Somerset, Dorchester, Charles, and Talbot counties. Proviso

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall suffer or permit any negro or mulatto to be in his, her, or their Penalty for so doing