

WHEREAS, it is right that the evil in question should be remedied or alleviated as far as practicable—Therefore,

CHAP. 303.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first day of September next, every master or commander of any vessel, arriving from a foreign country, or from any other of the United States, who shall enter said vessel at the Custom House, in the city of Baltimore, shall, within twenty-four hours after such entry, make a report, in writing, on oath, to the mayor or register of said city, of the name, age, and occupation, of every alien who shall have been brought or carried as passenger, in such vessel, on the voyage whence said vessel shall have as aforesaid arrived, upon pain of forfeiture, for every neglect or omission to make such report, of the sum of twenty dollars for every such passenger neglected or omitted to be so reported.

Every master of vessel

Entering at custom house

Shall report in writing under oath Name, &c of every alien passenger.

Penalty for neglect.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That said master or commander shall within forty-eight hours after the entry of said vessel, pay in respect of each and every passenger aforesaid, who shall be above the age of five years, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents to the said Mayor or Register, or at the option of said master or commander, he may in lieu of such payment, as to all or any of said passengers become bound by (specialty to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, with two sufficient sureties to be approved by the Mayor or Register, in such sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars for each passenger as aforesaid, as the Mayor or Register shall fix to indemnify and save harmless, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the trustees of the poor for Baltimore city and county from all and every expense and charge which shall or may be incurred at any time within two years from said entry for the maintenance and support of any such passenger as aforesaid so imported; and if any alien passenger brought by such vessel shall be permitted or suffered to land within said city before payment made or bond given as aforesaid, in respect of any such passenger, and before or after entry as aforesaid, the master or commander of any such vessel shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars for every person so suffered or permitted to land as aforesaid.

Shall pay \$150 for each such passenger.

Or become bound &c. to indemnify.

All expense for support for two years.

Penalty for suffering such passengers to land without such payment or bond.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if any person an alien passenger as aforesaid, in such vessel shall be suffered to land from such vessel at any place within the distance of fifty miles from said city with the intent to proceed to said City, otherwise than in said ship or vessel the Master or Commander thereof shall forfeit and pay for every such

Penalty for suffering such alien, to land within fifty miles of Baltimore.