

PHILIP F. THOMAS, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR. 1849.

lars in each case to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to give a several bond to the State of Maryland, in a penalty of three hundred dollars, for each or every person, a passenger, included in the report of the master or commander of such vessel, to be made as provided in the first section of the act to which this is a supplement, secured as hereinafter provided, 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 such 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 charge; each and every such bond shall be secured by two or more sufficient sureties, being residents of the State of Maryland, each of whom shall prove, by oath or otherwise, that he is owner of a free-hold in the said State, of the value of three hundred dollars, over and above all or any claim or lien thereon, or against him, including therein any contingent claim which may accrue from or upon any former bond given under the provisions of this act, or such bond may, at the option of the party, be secured by mortgage of real estate, or by the pledge and transfer of public stock of the United States, or the State of Maryland, or the city of Baltimore, or by deposit of the amount of the penalty in some bank, subject to the order of the mayor of said city, such security, real or personal, having been first approved by the said mayor.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for any owner or consignee as aforesaid, at any time, within three days after the landing of such persons or passengers from any ship or vessel in the port of Baltimore, to commute for the bond or bonds required by the preceding section, by paying to the register of the city of Baltimore, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for each and every passenger reported as by law required, and the receipt of such sum by said register, shall be deemed a full and sufficient discharge from the requirements of giving bonds as aforesaid; and all such commutation money and forfeiture, as hereinbefore provided for, shall be paid and distributed by said register in the mode and proportions provided by the act to which this is a supplement, and the preceding supplements thereto, in regard to the assessments, penalties,

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