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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.

Proviso

Wharfage.

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.

CHAPTER 226.

Passed Feb 16

An act relative to German and Swiss Redemptioners.

Preamble.

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.

A register to be appointed.

Sec. 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.

—his duty.

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.

—further 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 writings, 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 intended 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