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Proviso

Register's fees

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.

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 appraisement 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.

CHAPTER 227.

Passed Feb 16

No retailer to suffer negroes in his house after sun-set

Proviso.

Penalty for so doing.

If unable to pay may be confined in gaol.

An act for the better protection of Slave-holders in the several Counties therein mentioned.

Sec. 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, 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 sun-set 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.

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 house, contrary to the provisions of this law, the person or persons so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, the sum of fifty dollars, the one half to the informer, and the other half to the said county, in case such negro or mulatto was free, and the one half to the informer, and the other half to the master, mistress or owner, in case such negro or mulatto was a servant or slave at the time the offence was committed, to be adjudged and recovered, on indictment and conviction, or confession of the party accused, in the county court of the said counties.

3. *And be it enacted*, That if on the conviction aforesaid, the person or persons so convicted, shall fail or be unable to pay the fine aforesaid, the county court shall, in their discretion, order the said person or persons so convicted, to be confined in the public gaol in the county, for a term not exceeding three months.