

May, 1839, [that period being then the fiscal year of the institution,] was seven hundred and thirty-five, or an average of sixty-one and three-twelfths per month, and by reference to the documents accompanying the special report, from 1st of May, 1839, to 1st of January, 1840, a period of eight months, it will be seen that six hundred and twenty-six strangers were admitted, being an average of seventy-eight and two-eighths per month. The institution is thus subjected to a very great expense, and the citizens to a heavy tax to maintain a population entirely alien to the city and county, and in many instances having scarcely a residence of a single month in the United States.

Of this amount of strangers, a large proportion consists of German emigrants, the number of whom are constantly increasing. By an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at December session, 1832, ch. 303, entitled an act relating to the importation of passengers, it is enacted, "that every master of a vessel arriving from a foreign country shall pay to the Mayor or City Register the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for every passenger imported in said vessel into the port of Baltimore, and that the said sum of one dollar and fifty cents, and all penalties recovered as provided by the said law for any violation of the same, shall be paid over to the Trustees of the Poor for Baltimore city and county, or in part, and to such extent and in such proportions, as to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall seem fit, to the German Society of Maryland, and to the Hibernian Society of Baltimore."

Under the operation of this Law in the year 1833, the first year after its passage, there was paid into the Treasury from Foreign Passengers the sum of \$2,425 50, of which sum, no appropriation was made to the German or Hibernian Societies under the discretion given to the Councils by the Act of 1832, ch. 303; at the December Session, 1833—4, a supplement to the Act of 1832, ch. 303, was passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, requiring the Mayor and City Council to pay over to the German and Hibernian Societies two-fifths of all sums that had been, or should thereafter be received from or on account of German Passengers. There has accordingly been paid to those Societies by the Register, by authority of the Supplement obtained from the Legislature, the following sums of money since 1833, viz:

	Am't received by Register.	Paid to German Society.	Paid to Hibernian Society.
*1833,	\$2,425 50	\$ 970 24	\$42 00
1834,	9,868 50	3,833 60	64 68
1835,	5,370 89	2,013 90	78 20
1836,	8,540 70	3,238 70	81 73
1837,	9,437 39	3,587 39	48 80
1838,	7,124 63	2,608 96	
1839,	8,821 47	†3,340 00	

* See Register's summary for each year respectively.

† Probable amount.

Whether the Act of Assembly passed in 1833, was obtained with the knowledge of the City Councils, is unknown to the Board of Trustees; it is more than probable, however, from the retrospective action contemplated by the law, and the hesitancy of the Council to make any appropriation to the German and Hibernian Societies under the discretion given them by the Act of 1832, ch. 303, that the law was obtained without their assent or approbation.

The Board of Trustees, aware of the highly respectable standing of the gentlemen who constitute the German Society of Maryland, are satisfied that the monies paid over to them from the fund, by the Register, are faithfully applied, and have only called the attention of the Council to the subject, that they may investigate the same, and determine, whether in view of the large amount annually received from the City Treasury by the German Society, the number of German paupers at the Alms House ought not to be reduced.

Another class of paupers, which constitute a considerable item in the number of strangers maintained at the Alms House, is made up of residents from the various counties of the State of Maryland. It is respectfully suggested to the Councils, that an application be made to the Legislature, for the passage of a law to authorize the Trustees to charge the expense of maintaining such paupers, to the counties to which they respectively belong, and to require the payment of the same to be made by the Levy Court or County Commissioners, as the case may be, of such counties.

The Board would also respectfully suggest to the Mayor and City Council, that there is one department of the institution which is wholly unsuited to the comfort or advantage of its inmates, that provided for the Lunatic Poor; this unfortunate class of the inmates of the Alms House, are not now, nor can they, in the opinion of the Board, in such an institution, be properly accommodated as far as any curative treatment can be adopted. We would therefore recommend that the Mayor and Councils make application to the General Assembly of Maryland, for the passage of a law to provide for the maintenance, care and treatment of all the Lunatic Poor of the State, the expense of which shall be charged to, and received from the city or county to which they may respectively belong; these subjects are earnestly recommended to the early consideration of the Councils.

All of which, is respectfully submitted.

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