

XIV. And be it enacted, that if the master of any vessel on board of which such passenger, specially reported as aforesaid, shall have been carried, shall neglect or refuse to execute the said bond, or to pay the sum which he may as aforesaid pay instead of giving such bond, forthwith after the said ship shall have been reported to the said collector of customs, such master shall incur a penalty of one hundred pounds currency, and the said vessel shall not be cleared on her return voyage until the said bond shall have been executed or the said sum paid, nor until the said penalty shall have been paid, with all costs which shall have been incurred on any prosecution for the recovery thereof.

XV. And be it enacted, that after any such bond as aforesaid shall have been executed, the collector of customs shall transmit the same to the receiver general of this province, to be by him kept and held, during the said period of three years from the execution of the said bond, or until the payment of the penalty therein mentioned (if incurred) shall be enforced; and for the purpose of ascertaining the necessity of such enforcement, it shall be the duty of the chief emigration agents, in Upper and Lower Canada, upon representation made to either of them, as the case may be, in their respective portions of the said province, to ascertain the right and claim to indemnity for the maintenance and support of any such specially reported passenger, and to report the same to the governor of this province through the provincial secretary, and the said report shall be final and conclusive in the matter, and shall be evidence of the facts therein stated, and the said penalty, or so much thereof as shall be from time to time sufficient to defray the expense incurred for the maintenance and support of any passenger for whom the said bond was given as aforesaid, shall be prosecuted for and recovered by suit or information in Her Majesty's name, in any court in this province having jurisdiction in civil cases to the amount for which such suit or information shall be brought.

XVI. And whereas inconvenience and expense are occasioned by masters of vessels carrying passengers anchoring at great distances from the usual landing places in the port of Quebec, and landing their passengers at unreasonable hours: Be it therefore enacted, that all masters of vessels having passengers on board shall be held, and they are hereby required to land their passengers and their baggage free of expense to the said passengers, at the usual public landing places in the said port of Quebec, and at reasonable hours, not earlier than six of the clock in the morning, and not later than four of the clock in the afternoon; and such vessels shall for the purpose of landing their passengers and baggage, be anchored within the following limits in the said port, to wit: the whole space of the river Saint Lawrence from the mouth of the river Saint Charles to a line drawn across the river Saint Lawrence, from the flag-staff on the citadel on Cape Diamond, at right angles to the course of the said river, under a penalty of ten pounds currency for any offence against the provisions of this section.

XVII. And whereas great inconvenience and expense are also occasioned to emigrants by steamers from Quebec, taking passengers from on board emigrant vessels, and proceeding directly up the river without returning to the wharf at Quebec: Be it therefore enacted, that if any steam vessel bound for any place beyond the limits of the port of Quebec upwards, shall go alongside of any vessel lying in the stream or elsewhere than at a wharf within the harbour of Quebec, and receive any passenger or passengers from such vessel, or shall receive any passenger or passengers while such steam vessel is elsewhere than at some wharf in or adjoining the city of Quebec,—such steam vessel shall after receiving such passenger or passengers, return to and remain at some wharf in or adjoining the said city during at least two hours before proceeding on her voyage, and shall during that time be provided with gangways and proper conveniences by which the passengers may pass from the said steam vessel to the shore, and back to the said steam vessel, with their families, goods and effects, under a penalty of ten pounds currency, upon the master of such steam vessel for any offence against the provisions of this section: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for such steam vessel to proceed on her voyage within the said two hours, if the master thereof shall obtain from the chief emigration agent at Quebec, a written permission to that effect.

XVIII. And whereas it is expedient to repeal the Acts now in force for compelling the performance of quarantine in certain cases and for preventing the introduction of infectious and contagious diseases into this province: Be it therefore enacted, that the Act of Parliament of the late province of Lower Canada, passed in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of King George the Third, and intituled, An Act to oblige ships and vessels coming from places infected with the plague or any pestilential fever or disease, to perform quarantine and to prevent the communication thereof in this province, and the Act of the Parliament of this province, passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's reign, and intituled, An Act to amend the Quarantine Act, shall be and are hereby repealed, except as regards any offence committed or penalty incurred under either of them before the passing of this Act, with regard to which they shall remain in force.

XIX. And be it enacted, that the Governor in Council shall have full power and authority from time to time to make such regulations as he shall think proper for enforcing compliance with all the requirements of this Act, and for ensuring the due performance of quarantine, by and in respect of vessels, passengers, and goods coming into the port of Quebec, to which he shall think it right for the preservation of the public health that such regulations should apply, and for the thorough cleansing and disinfecting of such vessels, goods and passengers, so as to prevent as far as may be possible the introduction of dis-