

BILL.

An Act to provide for the Commutation of certain Bonds required under the Emigrant Act.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the com- Preamble.
mutation of the bonds required in certain cases
under the act hereinafter mentioned ; Be it therefore
enacted, &c.

5 That whenever any vessel arriving in this Province from The master of
any vessel
may, instead
of giving bond
under sec. 10
of 12 V. c. 6,
pay a sum of
money to be
fixed by the
Emigrant
Agent.
sea, shall have on board one or more passengers in respect
of whom the master would otherwise, under the tenth
section of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Ma-
jesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act to repeal certain*
10 "*Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision*
respecting Emigrants," be bound to enter into a bond
to Her Majesty in the manner therein provided, it shall
be optional with the master of such vessel either to enter
15 into such bond, jointly and severally with sufficient sure-
ties, according to the requirements of the said Act, or to
pay to the Collector or chief officer of the Customs who
might otherwise require such bond, such sum of money
as the Emigrant Agent at Quebec (under any general
instructions he may receive from the Governor), shall
20 have fixed in that behalf, as being just and equitable and
sufficient to indemnify the Province or any municipality,
village or city, town or county, or charitable institution
within the same, against the risk of expense for the care,
support and maintenance of such passenger or passengers
25 during the then next ensuing three years ; and the money Application of
sum so paid.
so paid shall form part of the Emigrant Fund.