

ANNO UNDECIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. I.

An Act to make better provision with respect to Emigrants, and for defraying the expenses of supporting Indigent Emigrants, and of forwarding them to their place of destination, and to amend the Act therein mentioned.

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THEREAS the amount of the rate or duty now levied under the provisions of Preamble. Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, An Act to create a fund for defraying the expense Act 4 & 5 Wict., cap. 13, cited. of enabling Indigent Emigrants to proceed to their place of destination, and of supporting them until they can procure employment, hath been found to be inadequate for the purposes contemplated by the said Act; and whereas it is necessary to increase the said amount, and to make such further provisions generally in reference to Emigration as will tend to prevent the introduction into the Province of a pauper class of Emigrants, labouring under disease and incapable of supporting themselves; and it is expedient to amend the said Act accordingly: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That instead of the rate or duty of five shillings currency, Instead of payable for each Passenger by any ship arriving in the Port of Quebec, or in the Port of posed by the Montreal, from any Port in the United Kingdom or in any other part of Europe, directed to be levied under the provisions of the said Act, there shall be raised, levied, to be paid for collected and paid the rate or duty of ten shillings currency for every Passenger, irrespective of age, who shall have been embarked in such ship; and such rate or duty, and regard to age. any increase thereof under the provisions hereinafter made shall be paid and collected Provisions of in the manner provided in and by the said Act, the provisions whereof as hereby to apply to duamended shall apply in all respects to the rate or duty hereby imposed as if the same ties under this had been imposed by the said Act, except in so far as it is herein otherwise provided.

II. And whereas it is expedient to hold out inducements to Masters of Ships carrying Recital. passengers, to maintain proper cleanliness, ventilation, and regularity on board, during the voyage: Be it therefore enacted, That the rate or duty payable for Passengers embarked on board of any such ship as aforesaid, shall be increased in proportion to the time during which such ship shall be detained in Quarantine, subject to the limitation time the ship hereinafter