

AN ACT to explain the Act, intituled, "An Act to supply the Deficiency in the Money for the use and support of the Marine Hospital at Staten Island," passed 7 April 1848.—(Passed 12 April 1848.)

Laws of the United States affecting Emigrants.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Sect. 1. THE treasurer is hereby authorized to pay on the warrant of the comptroller to the Commissioners of Emigration out of the sum of 60,000 dollars, appropriated by the Act intituled, "An Act to supply the Deficiency in Money for the use and support of the Marine Hospital, Staten Island," passed 7 April 1848, such sum not exceeding 51,000 dollars, as may be necessary to supply any deficiency now existing in the funds for the support of the Marine Hospital on Staten Island, and the remainder or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be paid and applied according to the provisions of said Act.

Sect. 2. Before any money shall be paid under the provisions of this Act, the Commissioners of Emigration shall furnish to the comptroller a statement verified by oath, showing the amount of such deficiency.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect immediately.

State of New York, Secretary's Office.

I have compared the preceding with an original law on file in this office, and do certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original.

Archibald Campbell,
Dep. Sec. of State.

Albany, 13 April 1848.

AN ACT for the Protection of Emigrants arriving in the State of New York.—(Passed 11 April 1848; three-fifths being present.)

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Sect. 1. THE Commissioners of Emigration are hereby authorized and empowered to lease or purchase suitable docks or piers in the city of New York, and to erect necessary enclosures thereon, and such docks and piers to be appropriated and set apart for the exclusive use of landing emigrant alien passengers; but no docks or piers shall be purchased or leased without the approval and consent of the Common Council of said city, and the expense thereof, not to exceed 15,000 dollars, shall be paid out of the moneys paid in pursuance of the provisions of an Act, intituled, "An Act concerning Passengers in Vessels coming to the City of New York, passed 5 May 1847," and be considered and charged as applied to the general purposes of the said Act; on application being made to them by any steam-boat or lighter proprietor, who is a citizen of good moral character, and shall give good security in a sum not exceeding 500 dollars to comply with the provisions of this Act, the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to grant licenses, to receive alien passengers and their baggage from vessels arriving at the port of New York, subject to quarantine, or from the passengers' docks at quarantine, to be landed at the emigrant piers or docks aforesaid; and the said Commissioners shall have power to revoke the license of any person violating the provisions of this Act: and every captain of a steam-boat or lighter not properly licensed for such purpose pursuant to this section, who shall convey any emigrant passengers from any such vessel, shall be liable to a penalty of 100 dollars for each and every offence, to be recovered by the said Commissioners of Emigration.

Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of every ship-master, owner or consignee bringing to the port of New York any alien emigrant, steerage, or second-cabin passengers in vessels not subject to quarantine, to cause the same with their baggage to be landed on the emigrant piers aforesaid, either directly from the vessels or by means of some steam-boats or lighters licensed as aforesaid; and the landing of them upon any other pier or wharf, shall be punished by a fine not less than 100 dollars, which fine may be recovered of the master, owner, or consignee of such ship or vessel: the Commissioners of Emigration are hereby empowered to make all necessary regulations for the preservation of order, and the admission to, or exclusion from said dock of any person or persons, excepting such as are duly licensed; and any person violating any such regulations shall be liable to a penalty of 100 dollars for each and every offence, to be recovered by the said Commissioners of Emigration.

Sect. 3. All person keeping houses in any of the cities of this State for the purpose of boarding emigrant passengers, shall be required to have a license for said purpose, from the mayor of the city in which such houses are located; and each person so licensed shall pay the said city the sum of 10 dollars per annum, and shall give bonds satisfactory to said mayor, with one or more sureties, in the penal sum of 500 dollars for their good behaviour, and said mayor is hereby authorized to revoke said license for cause: every keeper of such boarding house shall, under a penalty of 50 dollars, cause to be kept conspicuously posted in the public rooms of such house in the English, German, Dutch, French and Welsh languages, a list of the rates of prices which will be charged emigrants per day and week for boarding and lodging, and also the rates for separate meals; the keeper of such house shall also file a copy of said list in the city of New York, in the office of the Commissioners of Emigration,