

TASMANIA.

The Passengers Act, 1885, enacts as follows:—

Sec. 3. If the collector [at the port of arrival] shall certify that any passenger shall have arrived in Tasmania on board any ship [except one plying from any one port in the Colony to any other port therein] being either lunatic, idiotic, deaf, dumb, blind, or infirm, or from any cause unable to support himself, or likely, in the opinion of the collector, to become a charge upon the public or upon any public or charitable institution, the collector shall require the owner, charterer, or master of such ship, within seven days after her arrival, to execute a bond to Her Majesty in the sum of 100*l.* for every such passenger.

Bond to be given for certain passengers.

4. Every such bond shall be entered into with at least two sufficient sureties, and the person giving such bond and his sureties shall be bound jointly and severally to pay to the Treasurer of Tasmania all moneys and expenses which shall be laid out or incurred within the space of five years from the execution of the said bond for the maintenance or support of such passenger; and the said sureties shall justify before and to the satisfaction of the collector, and shall by their oath or affirmation satisfy him, that they are respectively residents in Tasmania and each worth treble the amount of the penalty of such bond over and above all their liabilities.

Conditions of the bond.

5. Whenever any such ship or the passengers by such ship shall have performed quarantine in accordance with any law for the time being in force, then the period within which the owner, charterer, or master shall be required to give such bond shall be within seven days after such ship or passenger has or have performed quarantine and been duly discharged therefrom.

Provisions as to ships quarantined.

6. If any passenger for whom any bond shall have been given as aforesaid shall at any time within five years from the execution thereof receive maintenance or support from any public or charitable institution in Tasmania, the amount expended for the maintenance and support of such passenger shall be provided for and repaid as herein-after provided out of the moneys collected under such bond to the extent of the penalty therein mentioned, or such portion thereof as shall be required for the payment of such maintenance or support.

Bond to be applied to maintenance.

7. It shall be the duty of the authority or person having the control or charge of such public or charitable institution to ascertain the right and claim of the Treasurer of Tasmania to payment of the amount so expended for the maintenance and support of any such passenger, and to report the same to him with all such information as may enable the Treasurer to recover the moneys due.

Authority in charge of institution to report as to forfeiture of bond.

8. Every such report shall be conclusive in the matter, and shall be evidence of the facts therein stated; and every such bond may be put in suit, and the penalty, or as much thereof as shall be required to defray the expenses of such maintenance or support, may be recovered by suit or information on behalf of Her Majesty

Bond may be put in suit.