

behind and unpaid after the time or times which shall or may have been agreed on for the payment thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee, so to be appointed as aforesaid, to sue for and recover such rent or rents for such part thereof as may so remain behind and unpaid, in the same manner as Debts of the like amount may or can be ordinarily sued for and recovered.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in force for ten years, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly. Continuation of Act

CAP. LXVIII.

An Act to prevent the Clandestine Landing of Liberated Slaves, and other Persons therein mentioned, from Vessels arriving in this Province.

(PASSED THE 16th DAY OF APRIL, 1834)

WHEREAS, from the recent Emancipation of the Slaves in the West-Indies, Bermuda and the Bahama Islands, it is apprehended that many of the sick, infirm, idle and dissolute of them, may be transported to this Province, and there is also reason to fear that Felons and Convicts, and others who may have undergone sentence of transportation and been pardoned or liberated, may be also hither, and that thereby burthensome expence may be occasioned to the Inhabitants of this Province, and Contagious Diseases be introduced among them :

Preamble

I. *Be it therefore enacted, by the President, Council and Assembly*, That, on the arrival of any Vessel in any place within this Province, containing or having on board Slaves, liberated Slaves, Felons or Convicts, or Persons having been Felons or Convicts who may have been transported under the Sentence or Judgment of any Court, or by other Legal Authority whatsoever, and who may have been pardoned or liberated before or after the expiration of the Term for which they may have been so respectively transported, it shall be lawful for any two Justices of the Peace, if they shall think fit, to station one or more Constables, who are hereby required to obey their directions in that behalf, on board of or near to such Vessel, to prevent the clandestine landing of the said Slaves, liberated Slaves, Felons or Convicts, or Persons having been so transported as herein before mentioned, and that a reasonable allowance, to be fixed by the said Justices, shall be paid by the Master or Owner of such Vessel to the Constable or Constables or other Persons so stationed, for their services in attending until security shall have been given as is hereinafter prescribed, or until the said Vessel shall depart from such place, and the amount of such reasonable allowance, so to be fixed as aforesaid, shall and may be recovered with costs in an action of debt to be brought in any Court of Record within the Province, at the suit of the said persons to whom the said allowance shall be made as aforesaid.

Constables may be stationed on board Vessels bringing Liberated Slaves, &c.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That the Master or other Person having charge of any Ship or Vessel so arriving in this Province with Slaves, liberated Slaves, Felons or Convicts, or Persons who may have been so transported as aforesaid on board, shall enter into a Bond or Bonds to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in the form prescribed in the Schedule hereto annexed, and marked A, with sufficient Sureties, to be approved of by the Collector of Impost and Excise nearest to the port or place where the Vessel may be, in a penalty of Fifteen Pounds for each Slave, liberated Slave, Felon or Convict, or Person who may have been so transported, pardoned or liberated as aforesaid, who may be on board of such Vessel, and who is to be landed.

Bonds to be given by Masters, &c.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That if any Master or Commander of any such Vessel shall wilfully, and in violation of this Act, land any one or more of the said Slaves, liberated Slaves, Felons or Convicts, or Persons who may have been transported and pardoned or liberated as aforesaid, before such Bond or Bonds shall have been duly executed and the Security approved as aforesaid, such Master or Commander shall forfeit and

Violation of this Act