

Laws of the United States affecting Emigrants.

under water adjoining the same, as may be necessary for the comfort and accommodation of patients sick of infectious or contagious diseases, and who now are by law received into the Quarantine Hospitals on Staten Island; provided, however, that the whole cost of the said Hospital, other buildings and improvements so to be erected, shall not exceed the sum of 50,000 dollars.

Sect. 4. Immediately after such hospitals are erected and ready for use, the Commissioners of Health, shall forthwith, but with due regard to the condition of the sick, cause all patients afflicted with contagious or infectious diseases in the Marine Hospital to be removed to the said hospitals at Sandy Hook, the expense thereof to be paid out of the moneys appropriated by the 8th section of this Act, and persons afflicted with such diseases and diseases suspected to be infectious or contagious, and who by the existing laws are entitled to be received into the Marine Hospital, shall in future be sent to such hospital at Sandy Hook, and shall not be received into the Marine Hospital; and all the police regulations of the hospital at Staten Island shall be held to apply to the hospital at Sandy Hook.

Sect. 5. The Commissioners of Emigration shall, as soon as practicable after the passage of this Act, procure a suitabled place on Staten Island or elsewhere, remote from the premises of the Marine Hospital, for the burial of patients who may die in said hospital.

Sect. 6. All sums of moneys drawn pursuant to the provisions of this Act, shall be re-imbursed to the treasury out of any surplus moneys which, by the laws of this State, the Commissioners of Health or the Commissioners of Emigration are or may be entitled to receive, and which in the opinion of said Commissioners of Emigration, will not be required for other and necessary disbursements.

Sect. 7. The Comptroller is hereby authorized to draw his warrant in favour of the Commissioners named in the 1st section, and upon their requisition, not exceeding however, in the whole, the amount in this Act appropriated.

Sect. 8. The sum of 50,000 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of this Act, to be paid by the treasurer on the warrant of the Comptroller.

Sect. 9. 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. Secretary of State.

Albany, 14 April 1849.

AN ACT to amend an Act intituled, "An Act for the Protection of Emigrants arriving in the State of New York," passed 11 April 1848.—(Passed 10 April 1849.)

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

Sect. 1. THE 4th section of the Act intituled, "An Act for the Protection of Emigrants arriving in the State of New York," is amended, so as to read as follows:

No keeper of any emigrant boarding-house shall have any lien upon the baggage and effects of any emigrant for boarding, lodging, storage, or any other account whatever, for any greater sum than shall be due from such emigrant for boarding and lodging, according to the rates or prices so posted as above provided; and upon complaint being made upon oath before the mayor or any police magistrate of the city in which such boarding-house is located, that the luggage or effects of any emigrant are detained by the keeper of any emigrant boarding-house, under pretence of any lien upon such luggage or effects, or on any claim or demand against the owner or owners thereof, for any other or greater sum than in accordance with such rates, it shall be the duty of the officer before whom such complaint is made, immediately to issue his warrant, directed to any constable or policeman of the said city, commanding him or them to bring before him the party against whom such complaint has been made, and upon conviction thereof, the officer before whom such conviction shall be had, shall cause said goods to be forthwith restored to the owner thereof, and the party so convicted shall be punished by a fine not less than 50 dollars, and not exceeding 100 dollars, and shall be committed to the city prison until the said fine shall be paid, and until such luggage or effects shall be delivered to such emigrants. Any person so convicted shall have the right of appealing from the decision of such mayor or magistrate to the same tribunals, and in the same manner as is provided by law for appeals from the decisions of justices in civil cases, and all the provisions of law relating to appeals from justices shall apply so far as applicable to appeals from such mayor or other magistrate. But such appeal shall not authorise the detention of such luggage or effects after the payment of the sum which such mayor or magistrate shall adjudge to be justly due from such emigrant.

Sect. 2.