

Laws of the United
States affecting
Emigrants.

Sect. 3. The Commissioners of Emigration, or any one or more of them, shall have and exercise the same powers and authority in relation to poor children actually chargeable upon or receiving support from said Commissioners, as are now conferred by law upon the Commissioners of the Almshouse Department of the city of New York, respecting the "Act concerning Apprentices and Servants."

Sect. 4. The Commissioners of Emigration are authorized to make such regulations as they may deem necessary for the government of the institution in which they may support such persons as become chargeable to them, and for the employment of the inmates thereof.

Sect. 5. In all cases in which the minor children of alien passengers shall become orphans, by their parents or last surviving parent dying on the passage to the port of New York, or in the Marine Hospital on Staten Island, the personal property which said parents or parent may have had with them, shall be taken in charge by the Commissioners of Emigration, to be by them appropriated for the sole benefit of said orphan children; and said Commissioners shall give, in their annual report to the Legislature, a minute statement of all cases in which property shall come into their possession by virtue of this section, and the disposition made of the same; and the Commissioners of Emigration are hereby authorized to prescribe rules requiring the health officer to make such report to them respecting the persons and property at said hospital, as they may consider necessary.

Sect. 6. The 2d section of this Act, in relation to the collection of moneys by the Commissioners of Emigration, shall not apply to the sum of 16,166 dollars and 13 cents paid to the Commissioners of Health by the trustees of the Seaman's Fund and Retreat, and now in the hands of the Commissioners of Health, but the said sum shall be paid into the treasury by the Commissioners of Health, and when so paid, 10,000 dollars thereof shall be applied as provided by the 2d section of the Act, chap. 373, of the laws of 1847, and the residue thereof in such manner as may be hereafter provided by law.

Sect. 7. Nothing in this Act contained, shall be deemed to affect the present mode of appointment of the health officer, resident physician or Commissioner of Health in the city of New York; nor to prevent the health officer from selecting his own medical assistants.

Sect. 8. This Act shall take effect immediately.

State of New York, Secretary's Office.

I have compared the preceding with an original law on file at 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, 21 December 1847.

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, by a two-third vote.)

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

Sect. 1. THE treasurer shall pay, on the warrant of the comptroller, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Commissioners of Emigration, such sums not exceeding 60,000 dollars, as may be required to supply the deficiencies of the hospital moneys, for necessary expenditures for the Marine Hospital: provided always, that the comptroller shall not draw his warrant for any sum under this Act, unless the Governor, attorney-general and comptroller shall certify that the same shall be necessary for the support of said Marine Hospital, and all sums appropriated by this Act shall be disbursed by the Commissioners of Emigration in the manner provided for in the 14th section of an Act, intituled, "An Act concerning Passengers coming to the City of New York," passed 5 May 1847, except so much thereof as allows the said Commissioners of Emigration to apply any part of said moneys to the leasing or purchasing any property, or the erection of any buildings.

Sect. 2. Whenever it is established by the judgment or decree of the court of last resort, that the moneys which have been or may be collected under protest, as in the preceding section stated, have been legally collected and belong to the State, or whenever there shall be a surplus in said fund from any cause, the sum or sums which shall be paid under this Act, shall be repaid to the treasury of the State out of the moneys so paid under protest, which shall thereby be ascertained to belong to the Marine Fund.

Sect. 3. The sum of 60,000 dollars is hereby appropriated for the purposes of this Act, and the treasurer, on paying any warrant of the comptroller under this Act, is hereby authorized to use the moneys paid in under protest.

Sect. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately.

State of New York, Secretary's Office.

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Archibald Campbell,
Dep. Sec. of State.

Albany, 8 April 1848.