

recommend to the Provincial Legislature the imposition of such a tax as I have described. It is however necessary to state, that I do so with a view not of discouraging, but of regulating the progress of emigration, and that I should by no means approve, nor will you give your assent to any Bill imposing at most a heavier tax than one dollar, except in those cases when it would be doubled upon each emigrant, or appropriating the proceeds to other purposes than those which I have mentioned. Of course this tax could only apply to vessels leaving this country after the intention of imposing it should have been made known. It is therefore most desirable that I should be apprised, as early as possible, what is the decision of the Provincial Legislature on the proposal I have made.

I have, &c.

(signed) GODERICH.

— No. 2. —

LOWER CANADA.

AN ACT to create a Fund for defraying the Expense of providing Medical Assistance for Sick Emigrants, and of enabling Indigent Persons of that description to proceed to the Place of their destination. (25 February 1832.)

Most gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS by Message from his Excellency the Right honourable Matthew Lord Aylmer, Knight Commander of the Most honourable Military Order of the Bath, laid before both Houses of the Legislature, his Excellency has been pleased to signify, that, in conformity to the instructions he has received from Your Majesty's Government, he recommends the expediency of imposing a rate or duty, payable by the masters of vessels bringing emigrants into this province, for the purpose of creating a fund for defraying the expense of medical care and attendance for sick emigrants, and of enabling indigent persons of that description to proceed to places of their destination; and it is expedient that provision should be made for carrying the said recommendation into effect: May it therefore please Your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by The King's Most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of, an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the 14th year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, *An Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America*; and to make further provision for the government of the said province:" And it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, that there shall be raised, levied and collected, a rate or duty, payable in the manner hereinafter described, by the master or person in command of every vessel arriving in the port of Quebec, or in the port of Montreal, from any port of the United Kingdom, with passengers or emigrants therefrom, and having been cleared of the custom-house at such port after the 15th day of April 1832; and such rate or duty shall be 5s. currency for every such passenger or emigrant who shall have embarked under the sanction of His Majesty's Government, ascertained by a certificate from one of the officers of His Majesty's Customs at the port at which such vessel shall have cleared, and 10s. currency for every such passenger or emigrant who shall have embarked without such sanction; and such rate or duty shall be paid by the master or person in command of such vessel, or by such person on his behalf, to the collector or other chief officer of the customs at the port at which such vessel shall be first entered, and at the time of making such first entry, which shall contain, on the face of it, the number of passengers actually on board the vessel; and no such entry shall be deemed to have been validly made, or to have any legal effect whatsoever, unless such rates or duties be so paid as aforesaid.

2. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that for the purposes of this Act, two children, each under the age of fourteen years, or three children, each under the age of seven years, shall be reckoned as one passenger; and