

## CAP. XLII.

## An Act to Regulate Immigrant Vessels and Passengers.

(Passed the 21st day of March, 1848.)

Preamble.

**WHEREAS**, large numbers of destitute and diseased Immigrants have recently been landed in this Province, and have become burthensome, and introduced disease among the Inhabitants thereof; and it has in consequence become necessary to make temporary regulations to mitigate and provide against such evils:

Head Money to be paid by Master of Immigrant or Passenger Vessel.

**I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly,** That the Master or person having charge of any Ship or Vessel which may arrive at any Port or Place in this Province, from any Port or Place whatever, with Passengers or Immigrants, or from which any Passenger or Immigrant shall have been landed in this Province, shall, at the time of reporting such Ship or Vessel, pay to the Collector or other Officer of the Customs at the Port or Place where such Ship or Vessel may arrive, the sum of Ten Shillings for every such Passenger or Immigrant then on board, or so landed as aforesaid: *Provided*, such Ship or Vessel shall be reported to the Collector or other Officer of the Customs at the Port or Place of arrival between the Thirty-first day of March and the First day of September, in any year; and if any Ship or Vessel with Passengers or Immigrants, as aforesaid, shall be so reported, as aforesaid, between the Thirty-first day of August and the First day of October in any year, then the Master or person having charge of such Ship or Vessel shall at the time of reporting as aforesaid, pay as aforesaid the sum of Fifteen Shillings for every such Passenger or Immigrant; and if any Ship or Vessel with Passengers or Immigrants as aforesaid, shall be so reported as aforesaid, between the Thirtieth day of September in any year, and the First day of April in the succeeding year, then the Master or person having charge of such Ship or Vessel shall, at the time of reporting as aforesaid, pay as aforesaid the sum of One Pound for every such Passenger or Immigrant—all which several sums the said Collector and Officer of the Customs are hereby authorized and required to demand and receive.

Additional amount payable if Ship be put in Quarantine.

**II. And be it enacted,** That if any Ship or Vessel arriving at any Port or Place in this Province, from any Port or Place whatever, with Passengers or Immigrants, shall be placed in Quarantine on any other account than merely for the purpose of cleaning or observation, the Master or person having charge of any such Ship or Vessel, in addition to, and over and above all other sums required to be paid as hereinbefore provided, shall also pay as aforesaid the further sum of Five Shillings for every Passenger or Immigrant on board such Ship or Vessel; and if any such Ship or Vessel so placed in Quarantine as aforesaid, shall be detained in such Quarantine for any longer period than Ten days, then the Master or person having charge of such ship or Vessel, in addition to, and over and above all other sums required to be paid by this Act, shall pay as aforesaid, the further sum of Five Shillings for every Passenger or Immigrant on board such Ship or Vessel—which said additional and further sums the said Collector or other Officer of the Customs respectively are also hereby authorized and required to demand and receive.

Recovery of Head Money on Masters refusal to pay the same.

**III. And be it enacted,** That upon the refusal or neglect of the Master or person having charge of any Ship or Vessel arriving with Passengers or Immigrants as aforesaid, to pay the said several sums for every Passenger or Immigrant, as provided by the two preceding Sections, it shall be lawful for the Collector or other Officer of the Customs, as the case may be, to sue for and prosecute the same before any two Justices of the Peace, in any County in which such Ship or Vessel has arrived, in a summary way, which Justices are hereby empowered to try the same, and on conviction, the same shall and may be levied by Warrant of Distress, under the hands and seals of any two Justices of the Peace, directed to any Sheriff, Marshall, or Constable,