

Laws of the United
States affecting
Emigrants.

whose account a bond shall have been given as hereinbefore provided, and who shall become chargeable upon any city, town or county, in such manner as they shall deem proper; and after such provision shall have been made by such Commissioners, such city, town or county shall not be entitled to claim any further indemnity for the support and maintenance of such person.

Sect. 6. The said Commissioners are authorised to employ such agents, clerks and servants, as they shall deem necessary for the purpose aforesaid, and to pay a reasonable compensation for their services out of the moneys aforesaid.

Sect. 7. The Chamberlain of the city of New York shall, on the first Monday in January in every year, and at such other times as he shall be thereunto required by the said Commissioners, report to them the amount of money received by him since his last previous report for commutation-money as aforesaid, and the amount of such monies remaining in his hands.

Sect. 8. The said Commissioners shall annually, on or before the first day of February in each year, report to the Legislature the amount of moneys received under the provisions of this Act during the preceding year, and the manner in which the same has been appropriated particularly.

Sect. 9. In case of a vacancy in said Board of Commissioners, the same shall be filled by an appointment to be made by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The person so appointed, shall hold his office for the remainder of the term of the person in whose place he shall be appointed. The said Commissioners shall in all cases be residents of the city of New York or city of Brooklyn.

Sect. 10. If any person for whom a bond shall have been given as aforesaid, shall within five years from the date of such bond, become chargeable upon any city, town or county of this State, or upon the moneys under the control of the said Commissioners as aforesaid, the said Commissioners may bring an action on such bond in the name of the People of this State, and shall be entitled to recover on such bond, from time to time, so much money, not in the whole exceeding the penalty of such bond, exclusive of costs, as shall be sufficient to defray the expenses incurred by any such city, town or county, or the said Commissioners, for the maintenance and support of the person for whom such bond was given as aforesaid.

Sect. 11. If any master or commander, as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to pay over to the said Chamberlain, such sum of money as is hereinbefore required for commutation-money for each and every such person, within three days after the arrival of such vessel at the port of New York, or shall neglect or refuse to give any bond so required as aforesaid within the said three days, every such master or commander, and the owner or owners of such ship or vessel, severally and respectively, shall be subject to a penalty of 300 dollars for each and every person or passenger, on whose account such commutation-money or such bond may have been required, to be sued for in the manner hereinafter provided.

Sect. 12. The penalties and forfeitures prescribed by this Act may be sued for and recovered with costs of suit by and in the name of the said Commissioners of Emigration, in any court having cognizance thereof, and when recovered, shall be applied to the purposes specified in this Act. It shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, before or after suit brought, to compound for any of the said penalties or forfeitures, upon such terms as they shall think proper.

Sect. 13. Any ship or vessel whose master or commander, owner or owners shall have incurred any penalty or forfeiture under the provisions of this Act, shall be liable for such penalties or forfeitures, which may be a lien upon such ship or vessel, and may be enforced and collected by warrant of attachment, in the same manner as is provided in Title Eight, of Chapter Eight, of the Third Part of the Revised Statutes, all the provisions of which title shall apply to the forfeitures and penalties imposed by this Act. And the said Commissioners of Emigration shall, for the purpose of such attachment, be deemed creditors of such ship or vessel, and of her master or commander and owner or owners respectively.

Sect. 14. The moneys now authorized by law to be collected by the Health Commissioner from the passengers in vessels arriving at the port of New York, for the use of the Marine Hospital, except such as are paid under protest, shall be paid at such times as the said Commissioners shall direct, to the Chamberlain of the city of New York, and shall be drawn in the manner prescribed in the 4th section of this Act; and the expenditures of the same for the purposes of the Marine Hospital as now authorized by law, shall be made by the Commissioners constituted by this Act, or by the Commissioners of Health under their supervision and direction, and any surplus which shall remain beyond such expenditures, and the appropriations made by existing laws, shall be applied by the said Commissioners to the general purposes of this Act.

Sect. 15. Any appropriation made by existing laws from said moneys shall hereafter be paid out of the same by the Commissioners appointed by this Act; and any moneys which have been or shall hereafter be paid under protest, shall, upon the settlements or judicial determination in favour of the State of the claims thereto, be paid to the Chamberlain of the city of New York, to the credit of the Commissioners of Emigration, and shall be applied by them according to the provisions of this Act.

Sect. 16. The said Commissioners are authorized to erect such buildings and make such improvements upon the land belonging to the State, known as the "Marine Hospital," as they shall deem necessary for the purposes of this Act, and of the said Hospital, out of the moneys in the Treasury of the State belonging to the "Mariners' Fund," which have not been paid under protest, or which have not been otherwise appropriated.

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