



# EMIGRATION STATUTES AND GENERAL HANDBOOK,

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## EMIGRATION STATUTES AND INFOR- MATION RELATING TO THE WHOLE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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### 1. THE PASSENGER ACTS, 1855 AND 1863.

The Passenger Acts relating to emigrant ships are those of History. 1855 and 1863. Subsequent notices have been issued under these Acts from time to time. The Acts were formerly administered by the Emigration Commissioners, but by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1872, their powers were transferred to the Board of Trade, where they have since remained. The Merchant Shipping Act, 1876, sections 14, 18, 19, and 20, makes one or two amendments in the Acts. All these Acts and notices may be seen at this Office, and also the Memorandum of the Passengers Acts prepared by the Board of Trade (May 1887), from which much information has been derived. It is only intended here to give a short abstract of the main provisions now in force which affect emigrants.

The object of the Acts is practically to promote the comfort and safety of emigrants by stringent regulations as to the seaworthiness of emigrant ships, the provision on board of proper accommodation, good food and medicines, and the protection of emigrants against imposition. There are certain regulations also as to cabin passengers, but, unless otherwise stated, the regulations detailed below apply only to what the Acts term "passenger ships" and "passengers" (*see next page*). Objects of the Acts.