

Parties contracting to find passages to North America, to give written receipts, in a prescribed form, for money received, under a penalty not exceeding L.10, and forfeiture of license, if a Passage Broker.

No person, except Owner or Master of the ship, to act as a Passage Broker or Dealer, unless licensed by Magistrates at the Petty or Quarter Sessions, under a penalty of L.10 for each offence.

Brokers liable to a penalty of L.10 and forfeiture of license, if they receive passage money as agents for others, without written authority from their Principals, or if they fraudulently induce persons to engage passages.

In case the contract for a passage is not performed on the shipper's part, the aggrieved parties, unless maintained at the contractor's expense, and provided within a reasonable time with a passage to the same place, may recover, by summary process, before two Justices of the Peace, any passage money they may have paid, with a sum not exceeding L.10 as compensation.

Passengers to be victualled during detention of ships ; but if detention (except caused by wind or weather) exceed two clear working days, to receive instead 1s. per diem, unless suitably lodged and maintained with their own consent by the Contractor.

Passengers not to be landed against their consent at any place other than the one contracted for.

Passengers to be maintained on board for 48 hours after arrival, unless the ship, in the prosecution of her voyage, quits the port sooner.

The Master is to afford every facility to the proper officers for inspecting the ship, communicating with the passengers, and ascertaining that the Act has been duly observed.

The Owners and Charterers, or, in their absence, some approved person on their behalf, and the Master of vessels carrying more than 50 passengers, must, before clearance, give bond without stamp, to the Crown, for the due performance of the Act.

The Act extends to foreign as well as British ships, but not to vessels carrying fewer than 30 passengers, nor to cabin passengers.

Passenger suing under the Act for money made recoverable to their use, not to be deemed on that account incompetent witnesses.

Their right to proceed at law for any breach of contract reserved.

A penalty not exceeding L.50 imposed for the breach of any of the provisions of the Act, except in the five cases where specific penalties are affixed.

The enforcement of this law rests with the Government Emigration Agents and the Officers of Her Majesty's Customs ; and persons, therefore, having complaints to make of its infraction, should apply to those officers, who alone can enforce the various penalties.