

Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of the said mayor or other person discharging the duties of his office as aforesaid, by an endorsement to be made on the said report, to require the master or commander of such ship or vessel, to pay to the Chamberlain of the city of New York the sum of one dollar for every person or passenger reported by such master or commander, as aforesaid, which sum shall be paid, as aforesaid, within three days after the arrival of such ship or vessel at the said port of New York.

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of the Commissioners of Emigration hereinafter named to examine into the condition of passengers arriving at the port of New York in any such ship or vessel, and for that purpose, all or any of the said Commissioners, and such other person or persons as they shall appoint, shall be authorized to go on board and through any such ship or vessel; and if on such examination there shall be found among such passengers any lunatic, idiot, deaf and dumb, blind or infirm persons, not members of emigrating families, and who, from attending circumstances are likely to become permanently a public charge, they shall report the same to the said mayor particularly, and thereupon the said mayor, or the person discharging the duties of his office as aforesaid, shall, instead of the commutation-money as aforesaid, require in the endorsement to be made as aforesaid, or in any subsequent endorsement or endorsements thereon, that the master or commander of such ship or vessel, with two sufficient sureties, shall execute a joint and several bond to the people of this State, in a penalty of 300 dollars for every such passenger, conditioned to indemnify and save harmless, each and every city, town or county within this State, from any cost or charge which any such city, town or county shall incur, for the maintenance or support of the person or persons named in such bond, or any of them, within five years from the date of such bond. The sureties to the said bonds shall be required to justify before and to the satisfaction of the officer making such endorsement, and by their oath or affirmation shall satisfy such officer that they are respectively residents of the State of New York, and worth double the amount of the penalty of such bond, over and above all debts, liabilities and all property exempt from execution.

Sect. 4. Gulian C. Verplanck, James Boorman, Jacob Harvey, Robert B. Minturn, William F. Havemeyer and David C. Colden, are hereby appointed Commissioners for the purpose of carrying into effect the intent and provisions of this Act, of whom the said Gulian C. Verplanck and James Boorman shall constitute the first class, and shall hold their office two years; the said Jacob Harvey and Robert B. Minturn shall constitute the second class, and hold their office four years; and the said William F. Havemeyer and David C. Colden shall constitute the third class, and hold their office six years; and upon the expiration of their several terms of office their places shall be filled by appointment to be made by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and the persons so appointed shall respectively hold their offices for the term of six years. The Mayor of the city of New York, the Mayor of the city of Brooklyn, the President of the German Society and the President of the Irish Emigrant Society of New York, shall also severally by virtue of their offices be Commissioners aforesaid. The said Commissioners shall be known as the "Commissioners of Emigration," and by that title shall be capable of suing and being sued. The money so as aforesaid to be paid to the Chamberlain of the city of New York shall be paid out on the warrant of the said Commissioners, or a majority of them. It shall be the duty of the said Commissioners to provide for the maintenance and support of such of the persons for whom commutation-money shall have been paid as aforesaid, or on whose account bonds shall have been taken as aforesaid, as would otherwise become a charge upon any city, town or county of this State; and the said Commissioners shall appropriate the moneys aforesaid for that purpose in such manner as to indemnify, so far as may be, the several cities, towns and counties of the State, for any expense or charge which may be incurred for the maintenance and support of the persons aforesaid, such appropriation shall be in proportion to the expenses incurred by said cities, towns and counties severally for such maintenance and support; and the more fully to effect the object contemplated by this Act, the said Commissioners are authorized to apply in their discretion any part of the said money to aid in removing any of said persons from any part of this State to another part of this or any other State, or from this State, or in assisting them to procure employment, and thus prevent them from becoming a public charge. The said Commissioners are also authorized in their discretion to apply any part of the said moneys to the purchase or lease of any property, or the erection of any building which they may deem necessary for the purposes aforesaid. But any expense so incurred by the Commissioners in any city, town or county shall be charged to the share of such moneys which any such city, town or county shall be entitled to receive thereof for expense incurred in the support or maintenance of the persons for whom commutation-money shall have been paid as aforesaid, or on whose account bonds shall have been taken as aforesaid.

Sect. 5. In case any of the persons for whom commutation-money has been paid as aforesaid, or for whom a bond has been given as aforesaid, shall at any time within five years from the payment of such money, or the execution of such bond, become chargeable upon any city, town or county within this State, it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners to provide for the payment of any expense incurred by any such city, town or county, for the maintenance and support of any such person, out of the commutation-money to be paid as aforesaid, and the moneys collected on such bonds, so far as the same will enable them to do so. The said Commissioners shall prescribe such rules and regulations as they shall deem proper, for the purpose of ascertaining the right, and the amount of the claim of any city, town or county, to indemnity under the provisions of this and the preceding section. The said Commissioners shall have power to provide for the support and maintenance of any persons for whom commutation-money shall have been paid, or on