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however, be perfectly seaworthy; and by making minute inquiries, this is easily ascertained. Timber ships go to Quebec usually in ballast, and are not always either the pleasantest or the safest description of transport: in fact, the laws require great amendment respecting the character, capabilities, and stowage of ships taking out passengers and emigrants.

After ascertaining the state and condition of the vessel you propose to embark in, inquire the character of the master who is to navigate her, as to sobriety, most particularly, and as to seamanship; whether he uses his passengers well, and whether he is provided by his owners with proper and wholesome sea-stores. Be also very careful, in making your bargain for the voyage, that he lays in a sufficient stock of fresh provision, poultry, pigs and sheep. If it is a large vessel, see how she is manned; for most of the traders are deficient in this particular, as well as in useful instruments: few use a chronometer; still fewer attend to the