

Laws of the United
States affecting
Emigrants.

the provisions of this or any former Act. The said report shall contain a like statement of all such persons or passengers as aforesaid, as shall have landed or been suffered to land from any such ship or vessel at any place during such last voyage, or who shall have been put on board, or suffered to go on board of any other ship, vessel or boat, with the intention of proceeding to and landing at the said city of New York, or elsewhere within the limits of this State. The said report shall further specify whether any of said passengers so reported are lunatic, idiot, deaf, dumb, blind or infirm; and if so, whether they are accompanied by relatives likely to be able to support them; and shall farther specify particularly the names, last place of residence, and ages of all passengers who may have died during the said last voyage of such vessel; also the names and residence of the owner or owners of such vessel. In case any such master or commander shall omit or neglect to report as aforesaid, any such person or passenger, with the particulars aforesaid, or shall make any false report or statement in respect to any such person or passenger, or in respect to the owner or owners of any such vessel, or in respect to all or any of the particulars hereinbefore specified, such master or commander shall forfeit the sum of 75 dollars for every such passenger in regard to whom any such omission or neglect shall have occurred, or any such false report or statement shall be made, for which the owner or owners, consignee or consignees of every such ship or vessel shall also be liable jointly and severally, and which may be sued for and recovered as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 2. The 2d section of said Act is hereby amended so as to read: 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 owner or consignee of the ship or vessel from which such persons were landed, to give a several bond to the People of the State in a penalty of 300 dollars for each and every person or passenger included in such report, such bond being secured as hereinafter provided, and conditioned to indemnify and save harmless the Commissioners of Emigration, and each and every city, town or county in this State from any cost which said Commissioners of such city, town or county shall incur for the relief or support of the person named in the bond, within five years from the date of such bond, and also to indemnify and refund to the said Commissioners of Emigration any expense or charge they may necessarily incur for the support or medical care of the person named therein, if received into the Marine Hospital, or any other institution under their charge. Each and every bond shall be secured by two or more sufficient sureties, being residents of the State of New York, each of whom shall prove by oath or otherwise, that he is owner of a freehold in the State of the value of 300 dollars, over and above all or any claim or lien thereon, or against him, including therein any contingent claim which may accrue from or upon any former bond given under the provisions of this Act; or such bond may, at the option of the party, be secured by mortgage of real estate, or by the pledge and transfer of public stock of the United States or of the State of New York, or of the city of New York, or by deposit of the amount of the penalty in some bank or trust company; such security, real or personal, having been first approved by the said mayor. It shall be lawful for any owner or consignee at any time within three days after the landing of such persons or passengers from any ship or vessel in the port of New York, to commute for the bond or bonds so required by paying to the Health Commissioner of the city of New York the sum of one dollar and 50 cents for each and every passenger reported by him as by law required; the receipt of such sum by such Health Commissioners shall be deemed a full and sufficient discharge from the requirements of giving bonds as above provided. The said Health Commissioner is hereby required to pay once daily the same money, with an account thereof, to the Chamberlain of the city of New York. The said Health Commissioner shall receive in lieu of fees and per centages, a salary of 2,000 dollars per annum, and shall give bonds to be approved of by one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, in the penalty of 10,000 dollars, for the faithful performance of his duty.

Sect. 3. Section 3 of said Act is amended so as to read as follows: 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 ship or vessel, and for that purpose all or any of the said Commissioners, or 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, dumb, blind or infirm persons, not members of emigrating families, or who, from attending circumstances are likely to become permanently a public charge, or who have been paupers in any other country, or who from sickness or disease existing at the time of departure from the foreign port are, or are likely soon to become a public charge, they shall report the same to the said mayor particularly; and thereupon, and unless a bond as required in the second section of this Act shall have been given, the said mayor, or the person discharging the duties of his office shall require in the endorsement to be made as aforesaid, or in any subsequent endorsement or endorsements thereon, and in addition to the commutation-money, that the owner or consignee of such ship or vessel, with one or more sufficient sureties, shall execute a joint and several bond to the People of the State, in a penalty of 500 dollars, for every such passenger, conditioned to indemnify and save harmless the Commissioners of Emigration, and each and every city, town or county within this State from any farther cost or charge which said Commissioners, or 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 10 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