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EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir J. HARVEY, K.C.B.,
to Earl GREY, dated Government House, April 6, 1848.

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(Received April 20, 1848.)

"It may be proper to invite your Lordship's attention to the Emigrant Bill, a copy of which is enclosed, that publicity may be given to it in Great Britain and Ireland before the spring ships leave.

"Your Lordship will perceive that it is a measure of protection forced upon us by the legislation of the neighbouring colonies, and in conformity with your Lordship's Despatch; but I may remark that the general feeling of this province is favourable to a well-regulated system of colonization."

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Halifax Royal Gazette of March 29, 1848, containing the following:—

AN ACT* to regulate Immigrant Vessels and Passengers, passed 15th March, 1848.

Encl. in No. 16.

WHEREAS large numbers of destitute and diseased immigrants have recently been landed in this province, and have become burthensome and introduced disease among the inhabitants thereof; and it has in consequence become necessary to make temporary regulations to mitigate and provide against such evils.

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the master or person having charge of any ship or vessel which may arrive at any port or place in this province, from any port or place whatever, with passengers or immigrants, or from which any passenger or immigrant shall have been landed in this province, shall, at the time of reporting such ship or vessel, pay to the collector or other officer of the Customs at the port or place where such ship or vessel may arrive, the sum of 10s. for every such passenger or immigrant then on board, or so landed as aforesaid:—Provided such ship or vessel shall be reported to the collector or other officer of the Customs at the port or place of arrival between the 31st day of March and the 1st day of September, in any year; and if any ship or vessel with passengers or immigrants, as aforesaid, shall be so reported, as aforesaid, between the 31st day of August and the 1st day of October in any year; then the master or person having charge of such ship or vessel, shall at the time of reporting, as aforesaid, pay, as aforesaid, the sum of 15s. for every such passenger or immigrant; and if any ship or vessel with passengers or immigrants as aforesaid, shall be so reported as aforesaid, between the 30th day of September in any year, and the 1st day of April in the succeeding year, then the master or person having charge of such ship or vessel shall, at the time of reporting as aforesaid, pay, as aforesaid, the sum of 1l. for every such passenger or immigrant—all which several sums the said collector and officer of the Customs are hereby authorized and required to demand and receive.

II. And be it enacted, That if any ship or vessel arriving at any port or place in this province, from any port or place whatever, with passengers or immigrants, shall be placed in quarantine on any other account than merely for the purpose of cleaning or observation, the master or person having charge of any such ship or vessel, in addition to and over and above all other sums required to be paid as hereinbefore provided, shall also pay as aforesaid, the further sum of 5s. for every passenger or immigrant on board such ship or vessel; and if any such ship or vessel so placed in quarantine, as aforesaid, shall be detained in such quarantine for any longer period than 10 days, then the master or person having charge of such ship or vessel, in addition to and over and above all other sums required to be paid by this Act, shall pay as aforesaid, the further sum of 5s. for every passenger or immigrant on board such ship or vessel—which said additional and further sum the said collector or other officer of the Customs respectively are also hereby authorized and required to demand and receive.

III. And be it enacted, That upon the refusal or neglect of the master or person having charge of any ship or vessel arriving with passengers or immigrants as aforesaid, to pay the said several sums for every passenger or immigrant, as provided by the two preceding sections, it shall be lawful for the collector or other officer of the Customs, as the case may be, to sue for and prosecute the same before any two justices of the peace, in any county in which such ship or vessel has arrived, in a summary way, which justices are hereby empowered to try the same, and on conviction the same shall and may be levied by warrant of distress, under the hands and seals of any two justices of the peace, directed to any sheriff, marshal, or constable, at or near the place where the said ship or vessel may be, and by sale under the said warrant of the guns, boats, anchors, chains, tackle, apparel, and furniture of such ship or vessel; and the overplus (if any) of such distress and sale, after deducting the costs, shall be paid to the master or person having charge of such ship or vessel. And provided also, that no ship or vessel which may have arrived at any port or place in this province, with passengers or immigrants as aforesaid, shall be cleared out

* The Act in question has not yet been received in an authentic shape.