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My Lord,

Washington, 28 May 1849.

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In obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's despatch, No. 19, of the 20th ultimo, directing me to transmit to your Lordship, for the use of the Colonial Office, copies of any laws or reports on emigration which may from time to time be issued either by the general or State Legislatures of the United States, together with any other information upon the subject of emigration, I have the honour to enclose two copies of a letter from the United States' Secretary of State, communicating to the House of Representatives, tabular statements* showing the number and designation of passengers who arrived in the United States during the year ending 30 September 1848.

I have made applications in the proper quarters for copies of any other reports or documents relating to the subject of emigration which may have lately been laid before Congress, which, so soon as received, I will have the honour of transmitting to your Lordship.

I have also directed Her Majesty's Consuls at the ports of the United States, to procure and transmit to me all official documents laid before the Legislatures of the States comprized within their consular districts, and all other information which they can obtain regarding emigration.

I have, &c.

The Viscount Palmerston.

(signed) John F. Crampton.

P.S.—I have the honour to enclose two pamphlets, in duplicate, which I have just received from Her Majesty's Consul at New York, the one containing copies of the several statutes of that State enacted in the years 1847 and 1848, respecting emigration, and the other such as were enacted in 1849, being all, as Mr. Barclay is informed, which are now in force.

(signed) J. F. C.

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Laws of the United States affecting Emigrants.

LAWS concerning the Commissioners of Emigration of the City of *New York*.

AN ACT concerning Passengers in Vessels coming to the City of New York, passed 5 May 1847. (Pursuant to Sec. 14, Art. VII. of the Constitution.)

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

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Sect. 1. Within 24 hours after the arrival of any ship or vessel at the port of New York from any of the United States other than this state, or from any country out of the United States, the master or commander of such ship or vessel shall make a report in writing, on oath or affirmation, to the mayor of the city of New York, or in case of his absence, or other inability to serve, to the person discharging the duties of his office, which report shall state the name, place of birth, last legal residence, age and occupation of every person or passenger arriving in such ship or vessel on her last voyage to said port, not being a citizen of the United States, and who shall have, within the last preceding 12 months, arrived from any country out of the United States, at any place within the United States, and who shall not have paid the commutation-money mentioned in the next section of this Act, or have been bonded, or paid any commutation-money under the provisions of the Act, intituled, "An Act concerning Passengers in Vessels coming to the Port of New York," passed 11th February 1824. 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 been suffered to go on board of any other ship, vessel or boat, with the intention of proceeding to or through the said city of New York. The said report shall further specify whether any of said passengers so reported are lunatic, idiot, deaf and dumb, blind or infirm, and if so, whether they are accompanied by relatives likely to be able to support them, and shall further specify particularly the names, last place of residence and ages of all passengers who may have died during said last voyage 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 in 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 of every such ship or vessel shall also be liable, jointly and severally, and which may be sued for and recovered as herein provided.

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* These Tabular Statements, being exceedingly bulky, are not printed. The total number of passengers is stated by them as follows:—

Males	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126,128
Females	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92,883
Sex not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	472

TOTAL - - - 229,483