

such passengers, there shall be found among them any lunatic, idiotic, maimed, blind or infirm person not belonging to any emigrant family, and any such person shall, in the opinion of the visiting physician or other competent person as aforesaid, be likely to become permanently a public charge, the said visiting physician or other competent person shall forthwith report the same officially to the treasurer or deputy treasurer at the port or place of arrival, who shall require the master of such vessel, in addition to the sum or sums of money payable for the passengers generally, to execute, jointly and severally with two sufficient sureties, a bond to Her Majesty, according to the form in the Schedule to this Act, in the sum of 75 £. currency, for every such passenger so specially reported, conditioned to indemnify and save harmless this province, or any county, city, town, parish or charitable institution within the same, from any expense or charge which shall or may be incurred within the space of three years from the execution of the said bond, for the maintenance and support of any such passenger; and the said sureties shall justify before and to the satisfaction of the said treasurer or deputy treasurer, and by their oath or affirmation (which such treasurer or deputy treasurer is hereby authorized to administer) shall satisfy him that they are respectively residents in this province, and each worth double the amount of the penalty of such bond, over and above all their debts and liabilities.

6. And be it enacted, that in case any passenger, for whom any bond shall be given as aforesaid, shall at any time within three years from the execution thereof become chargeable upon this province, or upon any county, city, town, parish or charitable institution within the same, the payment of such charge or expense incurred for the maintenance and support of such passenger shall be provided for out of the monies collected on and under such bond, to the extent of the penalty therein contained, or such portion thereof as shall be required for the payment of such charges or expenses.

7. And be it enacted, that if the master of any vessel on board which such passenger, specially reported as aforesaid, shall have been carried, shall neglect or refuse to execute the said bond forthwith after the said ship shall have been reported to the treasurer or deputy treasurer as aforesaid, such master shall incur a penalty of 100 £. currency; and the said vessel shall not be cleared on her return voyage until the said bond shall have been executed, nor until the penalty shall have been paid, with all costs which shall have been incurred on any prosecution for the recovery thereof.

8. And be it enacted, that after the execution of any such bonds as aforesaid, before any deputy treasurer in this province, the same shall be transmitted forthwith to the provincial treasurer, who shall keep and hold all such bonds during the said period of three years from the execution of the same, or until the payment of the penalty therein mentioned (if incurred) shall be enforced; and for the purpose of ascertaining the necessity of such enforcement, it shall be the duty of the chief emigration officer, or any assistant emigration officer in this province, upon representation made to either of them, to ascertain the right and claim to indemnity for the maintenance and support of any such specially reported passenger, and to report the same to the Executive Government of this province, and the said report shall be final and conclusive in the matter, and shall be evidence of the facts therein stated; and the said penalty, or so much thereof as shall be from time to time sufficient to defray the expense incurred for the maintenance and support of any passenger for whom the said bond was given as aforesaid, shall be prosecuted for and recovered, by suit or information in Her Majesty's name, in any court in this province having jurisdiction in civil cases to the amount for which such suit or information shall be brought.

9. And be it enacted, that the 11th section of an Act made and passed in the 11th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act relating to Immigration, and the care and safe keeping of the Children and Property of deceased Emigrants," shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and, in lieu thereof, be it further enacted, that no vessel which may have arrived at any port or place in this province with passengers shall be allowed to clear out or proceed to sea until all and every sum and sums of money, penalty or penalties which the master of such vessel shall have been legally adjudged to pay for any violation of an Act of the Imperial Parliament made and passed in the 12th and 13th years of the reign of Her present Majesty, c. 33, intituled, "An Act for regulating the Carriage of Passengers in Merchant Vessels," shall first have been paid and satisfied.

10. And be it enacted, that the word "master" wherever used in this Act, shall be held to apply to any person in command of a vessel; the word "vessel" shall include all ships, vessels, steam-boats or craft of any kind carrying passengers; the word "passengers" shall apply to all persons except troops or military pensioners and their families, who are carried in transports, or at the expense of the Imperial Government; the word "quarantine" shall apply to the quarantine station at the port of St. John, or any other place within this province at which quarantine shall be directed to be performed; and any word importing the singular number shall include a plurality of persons or things, unless there be something in the context inconsistent with such interpretation.