

York. The funds from which the expense of such removals is defrayed are furnished by the payment of a capitation tax of two dollars, paid by every foreigner on landing at this port and the other ports of Massachusetts. The Act of Legislature authorizing this tax is called "An Act relating to Alien Passengers," and is dated April 20th, 1837. It expressly stipulates that the money thus raised is for the support of foreign paupers, and by virtue of the Act a superintendence of aliens was appointed, to whom the entire management of the funds were intrusted. Believing that this money can be legally employed only for the relief of foreigners, I hope to obtain, by an application to the Legislature, through the highly respectable persons composing the Emigrant Society, an appropriation of a portion of it for the support of the society.

Hoping that my conduct in this matter will be approved of by your Lordship,  
I have, &c.

The Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.,  
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) T. C. Grattan.

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE BOSTON EMIGRANT SOCIETY.

Article First.—The style of this association shall be "The Boston Society for the Diffusion of Information among Emigrants."

Article Second.—The object of the Society being to disseminate information and to give useful advice to strangers who have arrived in the United States, and to those who are desirous of emigrating from foreign countries to establish themselves in America, all the funds which may be at the command of the Society shall be devoted to this purpose, unless expressly otherwise ordered by donors who may choose to make this Society the medium of their benefactions.

Article Third.—Any person shall be and continue a member of this Society, who shall sign this Constitution, and shall pay into its treasury the sum of two dollars a year; the payment of 25 dollars shall entitle any person to be a member for life.

Article Fourth.—The annual meeting of this Society shall be held on the first Monday of January in each year after the first organization. At each annual meeting the Society shall choose by ballot 24 directors, 10 of whom at least shall be native Americans, and 10 of foreign birth, to hold their offices for the ensuing year and until they shall be re-elected or others shall be elected in their place. The Mayor and the President of the Common Council of the city of Boston, and all resident foreign Consuls, and Vice-Consuls acting as Consuls, shall also be, *ex officio*, members of the Board of Directors. The first Board of Directors shall be chosen at such time after the adoption of this Constitution, as the Society may by vote determine.

Article Fifth.—The Board of Directors, at their first meeting after their election, shall choose from their own number a President, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Society. They shall also at the same time choose a Secretary, who shall have a stated annual salary as general superintendent, to be fixed by the Board. All the said officers shall hold their offices until the close of the next succeeding annual meeting, provided that the Secretary and Treasurer shall be liable to be removed at any time and replaced by others, by vote of a majority of the whole Board. The Directors shall also have power to fill such vacancies in their own body as shall occur between two annual meetings, by death or resignation.

Article Sixth.—For the better transaction of the business of the Society, the Directors shall divide themselves into Committees, one of which shall give particular attention to it for each month in the year.

Article Seventh.—The Society shall hold regular quarterly meetings on the first Monday of April, July and October, at such place as the Board of Directors shall appoint. At each quarterly meeting the Board of Directors, through their Chairman, shall report their doings of the preceding quarter.

Article Eighth.—Special meetings of the Society may be called at any time by the President, or by any six of the Directors; notice of the same being given in not less than two newspapers printed in Boston, within not less than three days of the time of the proposed meeting.

Article Ninth.—The Board of Directors shall establish Regulations and Bye-laws for the administration of all the affairs of the Society, not provided for in this Constitution, and not inconsistent with the same.