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1 **W**H E R E A S an Act was passed in the Forty-third year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for regulating the " Vessels carrying Passengers from the United Kingdom to His Majesty's " Plantations and Settlements abroad, or to Foreign parts, with respect " to the Number of such Passengers : " Preamble.

And whereas an Act was passed in the Forty-fourth year of His said Majesty's Reign, to exempt Vessels in the *Newfoundland* Trade from the Provisions of the above recited Act of the Forty-third year of His present Majesty's reign, whereby the Conveyance of Passengers from the United Kingdom to *Newfoundland* and *Labrador*, to be employed in the Trade or Fishery thereof, is no longer subject to any legal provisions :

2 And whereas it is expedient to make special Regulations for the Intercourse between the United Kingdom and the Island of *Newfoundland* and Coast of *Labrador*, so far as regards the Conveyance of Passengers to be employed in the Trade or Fishery thereof, and the providing them with proper Accommodation, and an adequate Supply of Water and Provisions ;

BE it therefore Enacted, by The KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT before the sailing of any Ship or Vessel from any Port or Place in the United Kingdom, to *Newfoundland* or the Coast of *Labrador*, with Passengers to be employed in the Trade or Fishery thereof, the Master or other Person having or taking the charge or command of every

Master of Vessels to enter into Bond not to take more Passengers than by this Act allowed.

every such Ship or Vessel, and the Owner or Owners thereof, shall enter into Security by Bond to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in the Penalty of _____ with condition that there shall not be taken on board any such Ship or Vessel any more such Passengers than are hereinafter permitted and allowed ; which Bond shall be taken by and deposited with the Collector and Comptroller, or other principal Officer of His Majesty's Customs at the Port from which such Ships or Vessels shall sail ; and the Master or other Person, having or taking the charge or command of such Ship or Vessel previous to his leaving the said Port, shall and is hereby required to deliver to the said Collector and Comptroller, or other principal Officer of His Majesty's Customs at the said Port, a List, containing the Number of the said Passengers, with their Names Ages and Descriptions, for the purpose of being registered at such Port, together with a Copy of the same, which Copy shall be certified by the said Officers as being correct and true, and deliver to the Master or other Person having or taking the charge or command of such Ship or Vessel, to be by him kept on board the said Vessel, and subject to the inspection of any of His Majesty's Ships of War, or Vessels in the service of His Majesty's Customs or Excise, during his voyage to *Newfoundland* and the Coast of *Labrador* ; and upon the arrival of such Ship or Vessel at either of the aforesaid places, the said Master, or other Person having or taking the charge or command of such Ship or Vessel, shall deliver the aforesaid Copy of the List to the Governor of such place or other Person acting for him ; and no such Passenger as aforesaid shall be allowed to land until such List is compared with the Passengers by the Governor or other Person acting for him, or some Person authorized by either of them for that purpose.

Penalty on taking more than number allowed.

And be it further Enacted, That if the Master, or other Person having or taking the charge or command of such Ship or Vessel, shall take or have on board his Ship or Vessel, or if the Owner or Owners of such Ship or Vessel shall engage to take on board more Persons than the number allowed, they shall respectively forfeit the sum of _____ for each Person so taken or engaged to be taken aboard.

Number of Passengers.

And be it further Enacted, That no Master, or other Person having or taking the charge or command of any *British* Ship or Vessel from any Port or Place in the United Kingdom, shall carry to any part of *Newfoundland* or Coast of *Labrador* a greater number of Persons (the Crew included) than in the proportion of One to every Ton of the registered Tonnage of such Ship or Vessel : Provided nevertheless, That any *British* Ship or Vessel bound to *Newfoundland* or the Coast of *Labrador*, after taking her Cargo on board, which shall have a second Deck unoccupied ; or an unoccupied space in the Hold of _____ perpendicular between the Cargo and the Deck, may take Passengers as aforesaid, at the rate of One for every _____ unoccupied superficial Feet of the full height of the second Deck, or of the _____ Feet from the Cargo to the Deck, not comprehending the space which may be required for the stowage of the Water Provisions and Baggage of such Passengers ; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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And be it further Enacted, That every such Ship or Vessel shall be furnished at the time of her departure to commence the Voyage, with at least _____ weeks supply of good and wholesome Water, so as to furnish a supply of _____ Pints of Water per day for every such Passenger, exclusive of the Crew, and the said supply of Water shall be stowed below the Hatchways; and shall also be furnished with such a supply of Provisions as will afford an allowance for every such Passenger, exclusive of the Crew, during the said period of _____ weeks, of One Pound of Bread or Biscuit, and One Pound of Beef, or Three Quarters of a Pound of Pork per day, and also Two Pounds of Flour, Three Pounds of Oatmeal, and Half a Pound of Butter weekly, the weekly Allowance to commence on the day the Vessel puts to Sea.

Quantity of Water, &c. to be on board.

And be it further Enacted, That the Master, or other Person having or taking the charge or command of any Ship or Vessel, failing to give out the Allowance of Provisions and Water hereinbefore specified, shall forfeit the sum of _____ of lawful, Money for each and every Neglect and Omission.

Penalty on Master not delivering out Provisions and Water.

6 And be it further Enacted, That an Abstract of this Act, stating the Number of Passengers to be employed in the Trade or Fishery of *Newfoundland* or Coast of *Labrador* allowed to be taken, and the daily and weekly Allowance of Water and Provisions, shall be exposed in some conspicuous part of the Ship or Vessel to which the said Passengers have recourse; in failure of which, the Master, or other Person having or taking the charge or command of such Ship or Vessel, shall forfeit the sum of _____

Abstract of Act to be exposed in some part of the Ship.

And be it further Enacted, That the Master, or other Person having or taking the charge or command of any Ship or Vessel engaging to take on board Passengers from *Newfoundland* or the Coast of *Labrador*, having been employed in the Trade and Fishery of such Places, and returning from the same to the United Kingdom, are to conform to the Regulation of Allowance before stated for _____ weeks of good and wholesome Water and Provisions, to be stowed below the Hatchways; and it shall not be lawful to take on board a greater number of Persons (the Crew included) than in the proportion of One Person to every Ton of that part of such Ship or Vessel remaining unladen, under the Penalties before mentioned, to be recovered in any Court of Record at Westminster, Edinburgh, or Dublin.

Masters of Vessels returning from Newfoundland, &c. to conform to Regulations.

7 And be it further Enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures under this Act incurred, except as before provided, shall and may be recovered in a summary way in any Surrogate Court or Courts of Session, having Jurisdiction in the Island of *Newfoundland*; and such last-mentioned Penalties and Forfeitures shall be paid to the Governor of *Newfoundland* for the time being, or other Person acting for him, or some Person authorized by either of them for that purpose; to be applied under the direction of such Governor or other Person acting for him, or some Person authorized by either of them for that purpose, for defraying the Passage home of such Persons as ought to be sent to that Country to which they belong.

Recovery of Penalties.