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C A P. LXXXIII.

An Act for regulating the carrying of Passengers to and from the Island of *Newfoundland* and Coast of *Labrador*. [25th June 1816.]

WHEREAS 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*: 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* is no longer subject to any legal Provisions: 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 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, the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of 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 Five hundred Pounds, with Condition that

43 G. 3. c. 56.  
Master of Vessels to enter into Bond not to take more Passengers than by this Act allowed.

there shall not be taken on board any such Ship or Vessel any more such Passengers than are herein-after 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, or to the Naval Officer or Chief Officer of the Customs at the Port of Arrival, or to the nearest Justice of the Peace who shall be required to examine the Passengers within Twenty-four Hours after their Arrival; 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.

II. 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 Ten Pounds for each Person so taken or engaged to be taken on board.

Number of Passengers.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful for any Ship or Vessel from any Place in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or from *Guernsey* and *Jersey*, to carry to any Part of *Newfoundland* or Coast of *Labrador* a greater Number of Passengers than in the following Proportion; that is to say, any *British* Ship or Vessel having a Second Deck may take Passengers at the Rate of One for every unoccupied Space being Six Feet in Length by Two Feet in Breadth, and being of the full perpendicular Height between the Two Decks; or any *British* Ship or Vessel which shall have only One Deck over her Hold may take Passengers at the Rate of One for every Space between the Cargo stowed in the Hold and the Deck, being Six Feet in Length and Two Feet in Breadth, and being the Height of Five Feet perpendicular above the Cargo, and being independent in either Case of the Space which may be requisite for the Stowage of the Water and Provisions and Baggage of the Passengers, and the full Space before mentioned shall accordingly be allotted for the Accommodation of each Passenger so taken on board.

IV. 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 Ten Weeks Supply of good and wholesome Water, so as to furnish a Supply of Five Pints of Water *per* Day for every such Passenger, exclusive of the Crew, and the said Supply of Water shall be stowed below the Deck; and every such Ship or Vessel 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 Ten 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, or Three Pounds of Peas or Pearl Barley, 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.

V. 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 Ten Pounds of lawful Money for each and every such Neglect and Omission.

Penalty on Master not delivering out Provisions and Water.

VI. And be it further enacted, That an Abstract of this Act, stating the Number of Passengers 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 Ten Pounds.

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

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Master, or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel, engaging to take on board any such Passengers from *Newfoundland* or the Coast of *Labrador*, for the Purpose of returning from thence to the United Kingdom, shall conform to the Regulations above enacted as to the Number of Passengers which it shall be lawful for them to take on board, and shall be liable to the like Penalties for any Breach of such Regulations as are herein-before enacted, with respect to Vessels proceeding from the United Kingdom to *Newfoundland* or the Coast of *Labrador*.

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

VIII. And be it further enacted, That every such Ship or Vessel returning from *Newfoundland* or the Coast of *Labrador* to any Port or Place of the United Kingdom with Passengers as aforesaid, shall be furnished, at the Time of her Departure to commence the Voyage, with at least Seven Weeks Supply of good and wholesome Water, so as to furnish a Supply of Five Pints of Water *per* Day for every such Passenger, exclusive of the Crew, and the said Supply of Water shall be stowed below the Deck; and every such Ship or Vessel 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 Seven 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, or Three Pounds of Peas or Pearl Barley, and Half a Pound of Butter, weekly; the Weekly Allowance to commence on the Day the Vessel puts to Sea.

Vessels returning from Newfoundland, &c. to be furnished with a certain Supply of Water and Provisions.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Master, or other Person having taken the Charge or Command of any Ship or Vessel, failing to give out the

Penalty on not giving out the Allowance of the

Water and  
Provisions.

the Allowance of Provisions and Water herein-before specified, shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds of lawful Money for each and every such Neglect and Omission.

Recovery and  
Application  
of Penalties.

X. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures to be incurred under this Act, shall and may be recovered in a summary Way on the Oath of One or more Witnesses or Witnesses, before any One or more of His Majesty's Justice or Justices of the Peace of any County, County of a City, Riding, Shire, or Place in the United Kingdom where such Ship or Vessel shall depart from or come to in or during such Voyage, or 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 as shall be recovered in *Newfoundland*, 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.

Act not to  
affect the  
Conveyance  
of Persons  
employed on  
the Establishment.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to the Conveyance of any Persons on board of any such Ship or Vessel, whether Fishermen, Youngsters, or others, being Hired Servants to be employed on the Establishment of their respective Masters or Hirers in the Prosecution of the Fisheries carried on from *Newfoundland* or the Coast of *Labrador*.

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