

*Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1848.* Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1848.

11 Victoria – Chapter 10

**An Act to regulate Vessels arriving from Europe with Emigrant Passengers. Passed 30th March 1848.**

Whereas large numbers of destitute and diseased Emigrants have recently been landed in this Province, and have become extremely burthensome, and have introduced disease among the inhabitants thereof: And whereas it has, in consequence, become necessary to make temporary regulations to mitigate and provide against such evils; therefore

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That the master or person having charge of any ship or vessel which may arrive at any port or place in this Province from any port or place in Europe with Passengers and Emigrants, shall at the time of reporting such ship or vessel pay to the Treasurer of the Province, or any Deputy Treasurer at the port or place where such ship or vessel may arrive, the sum of ten shillings for each and every such Passenger and Emigrant, provided that such ship or vessel shall be reported to the Treasurer of the Province, or the Deputy Treasurer at the port or place of arrival, between the first day of April and the first day of September in any year; and if any ship or vessel with Passengers and Emigrants as aforesaid, shall be so reported as aforesaid, between the first day of September and the first day of October in any year, that then the master or person having charge of such ship or vessel shall at the time of reporting as aforesaid, pay to the Treasurer of the Province, or Deputy Treasurer as aforesaid, the sum of fifteen shillings for each and every such Passenger and Emigrant; and if any ship or vessel with Passengers and Emigrants, as aforesaid, shall be so reported as aforesaid, between the first day of October in any year, and the first day of April in the succeeding year, that then the master or person having charge of such ship or vessel, shall at the time of reporting as aforesaid, pay to the Treasurer of the Province, or Deputy Treasurer, as aforesaid, the sum of one pound for each and every such Passenger and Emigrant; all which several sums the said Treasurer and Deputy Treasurers respectively are hereby authorized and required to demand and receive.

II. And be it enacted, That if any ship or vessel arriving at any port or place in this Province from any port or place in Europe, with Passengers and Emigrants, shall be placed in quarantine on any other account than merely for the purpose of cleaning or observation, that then and in such case the master or person having charge of any such ship or vessel, at the time of reporting such ship or vessel, in addition to and over and above all or any other sum or sums required to be paid by this Act, shall pay to the Treasurer of the Province, or the Deputy Treasurer at the port or place where such ship or vessel may arrive, the further sum of five shillings for each and every Passenger and Emigrant on board such ship or vessel; and if any such ship or vessel, so placed in quarantine as aforesaid, shall be detained in such quarantine for any longer period than ten days, that then and in such case the master or person having charge of such ship or vessel, in addition to and over and above all or any other sum or sums required to be paid by this Act, shall pay to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer as aforesaid, the further sum of five shillings for each and every Passenger and

Emigrant on board such ship or vessel; which said additional and further sum or sums the said Treasurer and Deputy Treasurers respectively are also hereby authorized and required to demand and receive.

III. And be it enacted, That upon the refusal or neglect of the master or person having charge of any ship or vessel arriving with Passengers and Emigrants, as aforesaid, to pay the said several sum or sums for each and every Passenger and Emigrant on board such ship or vessel as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Treasurer of the Province, or Deputy Treasurer, as the case may be, to sue for and prosecute the same before any two of the Magistrates for the County, or City and County, where such ship or vessel may be; and on conviction, the said Magistrates shall and may levy the same by Warrant of Distress, under their hands and seals, directed to any Sheriff, Marshal, or Constable, at or near the place where the said ship or vessel may be, and by sale under the said Warrant of the guns, boats, anchors, chains, tackle, apparel and furniture of such ship or vessel; and the overplus (if any) of such Distress and Sale, after deducting the costs, shall be paid to the master or person having charge of such ship or vessel; and provided also, that no ship or vessel which may have arrived at any port or place in this Province with Passengers and Emigrants from Europe, as aforesaid, shall be cleared out or allowed to proceed to Sea, until all and every sum or sums of money due and payable for and on account of such Passengers and Emigrants, by virtue or authority of this Act, shall be first paid to the Treasurer of the Province, or the Deputy Treasurer at the port or place where such ship or vessel may have arrived.

IV. And be it enacted, That an Act made and passed in the second year of the Reign of His late Majesty William the Fourth, intituled *An Act to regulate Vessels arriving from the United Kingdom with Passengers and Emigrants*, shall be suspended in its operation during the continuance of this present Act, and no longer.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be in force and continue in operation for the space of two years, and no longer.