

for their use, and unoccupied by stores not being the personal luggage of passengers; (that is to say,) on the lower deck or platform one passenger for every ten such clear superficial feet, if such ship is not to pass within the Tropics during such voyage, but if such ship is to pass within the Tropics during such voyage, then one passenger for every twelve such clear superficial feet if such voyage is computed in manner hereinafter mentioned not to exceed twelve weeks, and one passenger for every fifteen such clear superficial feet if such voyage is so computed to exceed twelve weeks; and under the poop and on the orlop deck, if any, one passenger for every thirty such superficial feet in all cases; and that if any ship carrying passengers upon any such voyage as aforesaid shall carry any passengers beyond the proportions hereinbefore respectively mentioned, or any of them, the master of such ship shall, for or in respect of every passenger constituting such excess, be liable, on such conviction as hereinafter is mentioned, to the payment of a penalty not exceeding five pounds, to be sued for and recovered as hereinafter is mentioned.

Construction and thickness of lower deck.

III. And be it enacted, That no ship shall carry passengers on any such voyage as aforesaid unless she have lower or hold beams forming part of the permanent structure of the vessel, and also a lower deck or platform, of which the under surface shall be not lower than three inches above the bottom of the lower beams, and properly and substantially secured to the same, nor unless such lower deck or platform shall be of not less than one and a half inch in thickness.

Height between decks.

IV. And be it enacted, That no ship shall carry any passengers upon any such voyage as aforesaid unless such ship shall be of the height of six feet at the least between the upper deck and the lower deck or platform hereinbefore mentioned, nor carry passengers on the orlop deck, if any, unless the height between such orlop deck and the deck immediately above the same be six feet at the least.

Sleeping berths.

V. And be it enacted, That no ship carrying passengers on any such voyage as aforesaid shall have more than two tiers of berths, and that in no such ship shall the interval between the floor of the berths and the deck or platform beneath them be less than six inches; and further, that the berths shall be securely constructed, and that their dimensions shall not be less than after the rate of six feet in length and eighteen inches in width for each passenger.

Quantities of provisions and water to be issued to each passenger.

VI. And be it enacted, That on board every ship carrying passengers on any such voyage as aforesaid there shall be issued to the passengers daily a supply of water at the rate of at least three quarts for each passenger per day, and that there shall also be issued at convenient times, not less often than twice a week, a supply of provisions after the rate of seven pounds of bread, biscuit, flour, oatmeal, or rice per week, provided that one half at least of the supply shall consist of bread or biscuit, and that potatoes may be employed to the extent of the remaining half of the supply, five pounds, however, of potatoes being computed as equal to one pound of the other articles above enumerated; and that such issues as aforesaid shall be made throughout the whole voyage, including the time of detention, if any, at any port or place before the end of such voyage; and further, that no ship proceeding on any such voyage as aforesaid shall be cleared out until there shall be laden and on board such quantity of pure water, and of good and wholesome provisions of the requisite kind, as shall be sufficient to allow of the issues aforesaid during the period assigned to such voyage under the provisions of this Act.

Further regulations as to water.

VII. And be it enacted, That in any such ship the water to be laden on board as hereinbefore required shall be carried in tanks or sweet casks, and that none of such casks shall exceed three hundred gallons in capacity; and further, that when any ship shall be destined to call at a port or place in the course of her voyage, for the purpose of filling up her water, a supply of water at the rate before mentioned for every week of the computed voyage to such port or place of calling shall be deemed to be a compliance with the provisions of this Act, subject to the following conditions; (that is to say,)

First, That the Government Emigration Agent at Ports where there is one, and the Collector or Comptroller of Customs at ports where there is no such Agent, signify his approval, in writing, and that the same be carried amongst the papers of the ship, to be delivered to the Collector of Customs or Her Majesty's Consul, as the case may be, on reaching her final destination:

Secondly, That an engagement to call at such port or place be inserted in the Bond which is hereinafter required to be given to the Crown by the owner or charterer and master: