

Thirdly, That if the computed length of voyage to such port or place be not declared in this Act, it shall be competent to the Government Emigration Agent, or the Collector or Comptroller of Customs, as aforesaid, as the case may be, to fix the same in each case; and

Fourthly, That the ship shall have on board, at the time of clearing out, tanks or water casks sufficient for stowing the quantity of water required for the longest portion of the whole voyage.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the number of weeks deemed to be necessary for the voyage of any such ship, according to her destination, shall be determined by the following rule of computation; (that is to say,) Computed length of different voyages.

For a voyage to North America, except the West Coast thereof, ten weeks:

For a voyage to the West Indies, including under that term the Bahama Islands and British Guiana, ten weeks:

For a voyage to any part of the Continent of Central or South America, except the West Coast thereof, and except British Guiana, twelve weeks:

For a voyage to the West Coast of Africa, twelve weeks:

For a voyage to the Cape of Good Hope or the Falkland Islands, fifteen weeks:

For a voyage to the Mauritius, eighteen weeks:

For a voyage to Western Australia, twenty weeks:

For a voyage to any other of the Australian Colonies, twenty two weeks:

For a voyage to New Zealand, twenty four weeks:

IX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That for the purposes and within the meaning of this Act it shall in all cases be computed that two children, each being under the age of fourteen years, shall be equal to one passenger, and that children under the age of one year shall not be included in the computation of the number of passengers. How children are to be computed in the enumeration of passengers.

X. And be it enacted, That before any such ship shall be cleared out for the voyage the Government Emigration Agent, at ports where there is such an officer, or in the absence of such Agent, and in ports where there is no such Agent, the Collector or Comptrollers of Customs, shall survey or cause to be surveyed by some competent person the provisions and water hereinbefore required for the consumption of the passengers, and shall ascertain that the same are in a sweet and good condition, and shall also ascertain that over and above the same there is on board an ample supply of water and stores for the victualling of the crew of the ship and other persons (if any) on board. Government Emigration Agents or Officers of Customs to survey provisions and water.

XI. And be it enacted, That such officers shall see that the other directions contained in this Act be complied with, so far as the same can be complied with, before the departure of such ship from any port or place in the United Kingdom or in the hereinbefore mentioned Islands. The same Officers to attend generally to enforcement of the Act.

XII. And be it enacted, That if doubts shall arise whether any ship about to proceed with passengers as aforesaid is seaworthy, so as to be fit for her intended voyage, and such doubts shall not be removed to the satisfaction of the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs at the port from which such vessel is to be cleared out, or in case there shall be a Government Emigration Agent at such Port, then to the satisfaction of such Emigration Agent, it shall be lawful for such Collector and Comptroller, or for such Government Emigration Agent, (as the case may be,) at any time to cause such ship to be surveyed by two competent persons, and if it shall be reported by those persons that such ship is not in their opinion seaworthy with reference to such voyage, such ship shall not be cleared out, unless the contents of such report be disproved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of the Customs, or of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners in those cases in which the report shall have been made at the instance of a Government Emigration Agent, or until such ship shall have been rendered seaworthy. Seaworthiness of the ship may be ascertained by survey.

XIII. And be it enacted, That no ship shall carry any passengers on any such voyage as aforesaid unless such ship shall be provided with good sound boats of suitable size, and properly supplied with all requisites for their use, in the following proportion to the registered tonnage of such ship as aforesaid; (that is to say,) Sufficient boats to be carried,

Two boats, if the tonnage of such ship be one hundred and fifty tons and upwards, but under two hundred and fifty tons:

Three boats, if the tonnage of such ship be two hundred and fifty tons and upwards:

Four boats, if the tonnage of such ship be five hundred tons and upwards, and the number of Passengers exceed two hundred: