

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

**A. D. 1838.**

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# EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

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**NO. 10.**

**SENATE.**

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND THIRTY-EIGHT.

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**AN ADDITIONAL ACT** to prevent the introduction of paupers from foreign ports or places.

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**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the Senate  
2 and House of Representatives, in Legislature  
3 assembled, That the Mayor and Aldermen of  
4 the several cities, and the Selectmen of the sev-  
5 eral towns of this State, may, at their election,  
6 dispense with the Bond, required by the statute  
7 to which this is additional, if the Master, Com-  
8 manding Officer or owner of the ship, vessel or  
9 boat in which foreign passengers may arrive  
10 from foreign ports, or coastwise, shall, before the  
11 landing of such passenger, pay into the Treasury*

12 of the city or town, at which such vessel shall  
13 arrive, such sum as said Mayor and Aldermen,  
14 or Selectmen may think reasonable, not exceed-  
15 ing the sum of five dollars for every foreign  
16 passenger whom he may intend to land, to be  
17 appropriated as said cities or towns may direct  
18 for the support of paupers.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the  
2 said cities and towns shall have power respec-  
3 tively to appoint one or more visiting officers,  
4 whose duty it shall be, on the arrival of any  
5 ship, vessel or boat having on board one or more  
6 passengers from foreign ports or places, who have  
7 no settlement in this State, to go on board of  
8 such ship, vessel or boat, and there remain until  
9 the provisions of this Act, and the Act to which  
10 this is additional shall be complied with. And it  
11 shall be the duty of such officer to prevent the  
12 landing of any such passenger until the provisions  
13 of said laws have been complied with: and in  
14 case of a violation of said laws, or an intention  
15 to violate the same, to give immediate informa-  
16 to said Mayor and Aldermen or Selectmen.  
17 And a reasonable compensation shall be paid to  
18 such officer, by the Master, Commander, or

19 owner of such ship, vessel or boat, to be estab-  
20 lished by said Mayor and Aldermen, or Select-  
21 men.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That if any  
2 Master or Commanding Officer of any such ship,  
3 vessel or boat shall land any foreign passenger  
4 at any place within this State, other than that  
5 to which such ship, vessel or boat shall be des-  
6 tined, with intent to avoid the requirements of  
7 this Act, or the Act to which this is additional,  
8 such Master or Commanding Officer shall forfeit  
9 one hundred dollars for every foreign passenger  
10 so landed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 5, 1838. }

THIS Bill having had three several readings passed to  
be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

E. H. ALLEN, Speaker.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 6, 1838.

**THIS** Bill was read once, and

**ORDERED**, That three hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

**ATTEST :**            **WILLIAM TRAFTON**, *Secretary*.