



# Merchant Shipping Act 1894

## 1894 CHAPTER 60

### PART III

#### PASSENGER AND EMIGRANT SHIPS.

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#### EMIGRANT SHIPS.

#### *Regulations as to Steerage Passengers.*

#### **324 Sanitary and other regulations by Order in Council.**

Her Majesty may by Order in Council make regulations—

- (i) for preserving order, promoting health, and securing cleanliness and ventilation on board emigrant ships proceeding from the British Islands to any port in a British possession ; and
- (ii) for prohibiting emigration from any port at any time when choleraic or any epidemic disease is generally prevalent in the British Islands or any part thereof ; and
- (iii) for reducing the number of steerage passengers allowed to be carried in any emigrant ship, either generally or from any particular ports in the British Islands ; and
- (iv) for permitting the use on board emigrant ships of apparatus for distilling water and for defining in such case the quantity of fresh water to be carried in tanks and casks for the steerage passengers under the foregoing provisions of this Part of this Act; and
- (v) for requiring duly authorised medical practitioners to be carried in emigrant ships where they would not otherwise under this Part of this Act be required to be carried.

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**325 Discipline on board.**

- (1) In every emigrant ship the medical practitioner aided by the master or, in the absence of the medical practitioner, the master, shall exact obedience to all regulations made by any such Order in Council as aforesaid.
- (2) If any person on board—
  - (a) fails without reasonable cause to obey, or offends against, any such regulation or any provision of this Part of this Act, or
  - (b) obstructs the master or medical practitioner in the execution of any duty imposed upon him by any such regulation, or
  - (c) is guilty of riotous or insubordinate conduct,that person shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding two pounds, and in addition to imprisonment for any period not exceeding one month.

**326 Sale of spirits prohibited on emigrant ships.**

- (1) Spirits shall not during the voyage be sold directly or indirectly in any emigrant ship to any steerage passenger.
- (2) If any person acts in contravention of this section, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.