

“ respectively :” Which oath the said collector, or naval officer, is hereby empowered and directed personally, or by their deputies, to administer, and a certificate thereof give, without fee or reward.

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III. And be it further enacted, That in case any such ship or vessel shall be offered to be entered, and such oath shall be refused to be made, or delayed for the space of forty-eight hours thereafter, that then the officer, to whom application shall be made for entry as aforesaid, shall, and he is hereby enjoined and strictly required immediately thereupon, to transmit and send a full and distinct account and information thereof, to the governor or commander in chief of this province for the time being : And, on such information given as aforesaid, such ship or vessel shall be obliged to make her quarantine in such place or places, for such time, and in such manner, as from time to time shall for that purpose be directed by the governor or commander in chief of this province, for the time being ; and that during the said time, and until the said ship or vessel shall be discharged of and from such quarantine, no person coming, or goods imported therein, shall come or be put on shore, or go on board any other ship or vessel within this province, nor shall any person go on board such ship or vessel, obliged as aforesaid to make quarantine, without licence first had and obtained from the governor or commander in chief for the time being, in such manner, and under such limitations and restrictions as he shall think fit to grant or allow the same : And, that in case there shall be any breach of the said quarantine, in any respect, the master, commander, chief officer, or person having the charge of such ship or vessel, without such licence as aforesaid, shall, if a free person, forfeit and pay one hundred pounds sterling; to be recovered, with full costs of suit, in any court of record within this province, by action of debt, bill of indictment, plaint or information, wherein no essoin, protection, or wager of law, or more than one imparlance shall be allowed ; and if a servant or slave, suffer such corporal punishment, by whipping, not exceeding thirty-nine stripes, as by two justices of the peace shall be ordered and adjudged, upon complaint and proof of such offence.

In case of refusal to make such oath.

The governor may order the vessel to perform quarantine.

Penalty for breach of the quarantine.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the master or commander of every ship or vessel, importing above the said number of passengers or servants into this province, after the said first day of May next, shall, before the said ship or vessel shall be admitted to make her entry, discover and disclose to the collector and naval officer aforesaid, the number of passengers and servants imported in such ship ; and, if the master or commander of any such ship or vessel shall not make such discovery as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay one hundred pounds sterling, to be recovered as aforesaid.

The masters to give information of their number of passengers and servants.

V. And be it further enacted, That any master or commander of a ship or vessel, importing above the said number of passengers or servants as aforesaid, who shall land or put on shore any passenger, servant or goods, from on board such ship, or shall sell any servant imported in such ship, and also every person who shall buy any such servant, or knowingly entertain in his, or her house, any passenger or servant, or receive any goods imported in such ship, before certificate obtained of such oath being made as aforesaid, shall respectively forfeit and pay twenty pounds sterling, to be recovered as aforesaid.

Penalty on landing, selling or buying before oath made.

VI. And whereas dangerous infectious distempers frequently break out in ships and vessels importing passengers and servants into this province, on their arrival here, after healthy passages : Be it therefore enacted, That even after such certificate obtained as aforesaid, if it shall be made appear to the governor or commander in chief of this province, for the time being, by proof, on oath of at least two credible witnesses, that the passengers or servants imported in such ship or vessel, or the crew thereof, or any of them, are, or is infected with, or have the jail or yellow-fever, or any such dangerous infectious distemper, the governor, or commander in chief, may thereupon order such ship or vessel to perform quarantine, in the manner aforesaid, and under the same penalties as are herein before mentioned, to all persons concerned.

In case of distempers breaking out after their arrival.

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