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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

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### AN ACT

Relating to Alien Passengers.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

1 SECT. 1. Any master, owner, consignee, or agent  
2 of any vessel or any passenger carrier by water, who  
3 shall bring or aid in bringing into this Commonwealth,  
4 any alien never before within the State, shall, for each  
5 and every such alien, give a bond to the Common-  
6 wealth with good and sufficient sureties, to be ap-  
7 proved by the superintendent of alien passengers, in  
8 the penalty of one thousand dollars, with a condition

9 that no such alien shall ever become a city, town, or  
10 state charge as a pauper, and in default of giving  
11 such bond, shall forfeit and pay to the use of the Com-  
12 monwealth, the sum of one thousand dollars for every  
13 such alien so brought into the State, to be recovered  
14 by action of debt, in any court competent to try the  
15 same: *provided*, that it shall be at the option of every  
16 such master, owner, consignee, or agent of any vessel,  
17 or passenger carrier by water, to pay to the superin-  
18 tendent of alien passengers, for the use of the Com-  
19 monwealth, in place of such bond, the sum of two  
20 dollars for every such alien, who is not a pauper,  
21 lunatic, or idiot, or maimed, aged, infirm or destitute,  
22 or incompetent to take care of him or herself, without  
23 becoming a public charge as a pauper, *and provided*,  
24 *also*, that this act shall not extend to seamen sent  
25 from foreign ports by consuls or vice consuls of the  
26 United States, nor to ambassadors, consuls, or public  
27 ministers, or other persons representing foreign states,  
28 nor to persons coming on shore from vessels in dis-  
29 tress, nor to any alien passenger taken from any  
30 wreck where life is in danger.

1     SECT. 2. The superintendent of alien passengers  
2 in any city or town of this Commonwealth, may make  
3 all demands for bonds under this act, and all exami-  
4 nations of alien passengers, brought or coming into  
5 this State by water, necessary to enforce the provis-  
6 ions of this act and all other acts in relation to alien  
7 passengers.

1     SECT. 3. The abstract of returns and bonds depos-  
2 ited with the treasurer of the Commonwealth by the  
3 superintendents of alien passengers, to be published by

4 him in the months of January, May, and September,  
5 in each year, and forwarded to the clerks of the sev-  
6 eral towns and cities in the Commonwealth, shall be  
7 so published and forwarded monthly.

1 SECT. 4. Justices of the peace may, upon the  
2 complaint of superintendents of alien passengers, ex-  
3 ercise the same power which, by the seventeenth  
4 section of the forty-sixth chapter of the Revised Stat-  
5 utes they are now authorized to exercise upon the  
6 complaint of overseers of towns.

1 SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent  
2 with this act are hereby repealed.

