

HOUSE...No. 17.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
Boston, January 17, 1857. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :—

I transmit herewith, for the use of the Legislature, the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Alien Passengers.

HENRY J. GARDNER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To His Excellency, the Governor, and their Honors, the Executive Council :—

GENTLEMEN,—

With the return of another year I again have the honor of presenting to your Board my Annual Report, as Superintendent of Alien Passengers for the Port of Boston, from the first of January, 1856, to the first of January, 1857.

The number of vessels boarded by me, having passengers on board, are 910—from various parts of the world. Total number of passengers, 21,912, as follows, viz. :—

In 36	American vessels from England,	9,492		
80	“ “ “ British Provinces,	3,524		
5	“ “ “ Antwerp,	310		
5	“ “ “ Fayal,	282		
3	“ “ “ Gottenburg,	158		
55	“ “ “ other places,	76		
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184	American vessels,	13,842		
In 32	English vessels from England,	2,952		
669	“ “ “ British Provinces,	4,818		
25	“ “ “ other places,	300		
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		8,070		
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910	total number of vessels,	21,912		

There have been permitted to land, in conformity with the laws, as follows :—

Americans, and those who have been in the State before, for whom no security or commutation fee could be required,	8,540
Number for whom bonds were taken,	39
“ died on the passage,	17
“ commuted, at \$2 each,	13,245
“ extra commuted,	71
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	21,912

The following statement shows the birthplace of aliens who have entered this port the past year:—

England,	3,961
British Provinces,	6,523
Ireland,	6,853
Scotland,	548
Germany,	188
Prussia,	28
Sweden,	187
Canada,	104
France,	127
Italy,	47
Poland,	6
Hungary,	12
Austria,	7
Bavaria,	5
Portugal,	127
West Indies,	2
Holland,	26
Spain,	25
East Indies,	5
Chili,	8
Belgium,	198
Western Islands,	171
Cuba,	12
Mexico,	4
Russia,	5
China,	2
Turkey,	4

Switzerland,	15
Rome,	7
Greece,	2
Nations unknown,	220
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Total number of Aliens,	19,429

Cash Receipts for the year.

Commutation fees, for 13,245 passengers, at \$2 each, \$26,490 00	
Extra commutation fees, from \$5 to \$30 each, for 71 passengers,	1,332 00
Cash received from various persons, for assisting paupers and destitute persons to Liverpool,	185 00
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	\$28,007 00

The above amount has been paid over to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, and reports made to him from time to time of all disbursements, agreeably to law, and vouchers for the same placed on file.

In conformity with the law passed in April, 1853, in relation to passengers in transit, I have refunded the sum of \$5,574 for 2,787 passengers, who were forwarded via Chicago to all parts of the Western States.

Many others have also left within the same time for the same destination; the owners of the vessels which brought them preferring to pay the commutation fees, rather than have them refunded, as the receipt they would give for the fees so refunded would, according to the statutes, be equivalent to giving a bond for five years, for each and every passenger.

About two thousand of the passengers in transit, from England, Scotland and Wales, were Mormons, and went direct to Salt Lake, Utah Territory.

Many destitute and infirm persons, most of whom, residents here many years, have applied for and received assistance to return to their native land. Most of these were inmates of our almshouses, and all, probably, would have become such had they remained here. The number thus sent is 193: the total amount paid for their passage, including provisions and bedding, is \$3,491.75. Of this sum \$318.25 in money and bedding, and

in some cases tickets were purchased, through the aid of various persons, friends to the passengers, leaving the net cost to the State, \$3,173.50, or \$16.44 for each person sent.

Four hundred and eighty-three paupers and destitute persons, part of whom being extra commuted passengers, and others, residents of different States, the two Canadas and Nova Scotia, having made application for relief, or to be sent to our almshouses, were forwarded to places where they had legal residence, thereby relieving the State of many who otherwise must have become a public burden.

Total expense thus incurred,	\$1,481 81
Towards this was received for extra commutation,	220 00
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Leaving net amount of expense,	\$1,261 81

Others also have been sent to their legal residences, from our State almshouses, as will appear (and as also will appear some other interesting details) in the Annual Report of Commissioners for Aliens and State Paupers.

Immigrants were, for the most part, sent for by their friends, or family connexions, and immediately left for their various places of destination, without receiving aid from the State.

The expenses of the sick and infirm were liquidated by the owners of the vessels in which they came. Of this class the number is small.

The health of immigrants and their general condition is much improved, compared with former years. The number of deaths on the passage were but seventeen, including a number of infants. The number of sick landed at Rainsford Island the past year, was sixteen: disease, smallpox. Their expenses were also paid by owners of vessels which brought them here.

In conclusion, permit me to assure your excellency and the honorable council, that it will ever be my constant endeavor so to discharge the duties, and conduct the business pertaining to my department in such manner as the interest of the Commonwealth, a proper regard to economy, and the wants and suffering of a common humanity, may seem to require.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. G. GOODWIN.

In response to this was furnished through the aid of various persons known to the committee having the necessary data, \$1,175.00, or \$10.14 for each person named.

The names and addresses of the persons named in the foregoing list of whom letters were sent, and the names and addresses of the persons to whom the letters were sent, are given in the following tables. The letters were forwarded by the committee on January 15, 1907, and the replies received are given in the following tables.

Total persons (see annexes) 1,175

Letters not amount of replies 1,175

Others who have been sent to their local churches, fraternal organizations or who appear and on who will appear on some other number of cards in the General Report of the committee for 1907 and whose names are given in the following tables.

Persons named in the foregoing list for their names on being furnished and immediately for their names on being furnished, without receiving any reply.

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All of which are respectively attached.

W. O. GOODWIN