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An Act for the further Regulation of Steam Navigation, and for limiting in certain Cases the Number of Passengers to be conveyed in Steam Vessels. [31st *August* 1848.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the Regulation of Steam Navigation, and for requiring Sea-going Vessels to carry Boats*, it is, amongst other things, enacted, that on or before the Thirtieth Day of *April* and the Thirty-first Day of *October* in every Year the Owners of every Steam Vessel shall transmit to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade Two Declarations in the said Act prescribed, and that the Lords of the said Committee shall register such Declarations, and shall transmit to the Owners of such Steam Vessels respectively Certificates of the Registry thereof, and that if any Steam Vessel proceed to Sea with Passengers, the Owner whereof has not duly transmitted to the Lords of the said Committee such Declarations and received from the Lords of the said Committee such Certificates of the Registry thereof as aforesaid, the Owner of such Steam Vessel shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds: And whereas it is expedient to make further Provision for compelling the Owners of Steam Vessels to transmit

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such Declarations to the Lords of the said Committee, whether such Steam Vessels be intended to proceed to Sea or not: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That in case the Owner or Owners of any Steam Vessel, not being a Vessel expressly excepted from the Operation of the said recited Act, neglect to transmit to the Lords of the said Committee, at the Times in the said recited Act specified, the Declarations in Writing by the said recited Act prescribed, the Owner or Owners of every such Steam Vessel shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings for every Day that the sending of such Declarations is delayed, unless such Delay be accounted for to the Satisfaction of the Lords of the said Committee: Provided always, that the Owners of all Steam Vessels (not being Vessels expressly excepted as aforesaid) in respect of which any Declarations required as aforesaid have not at the Time of the passing of this Act been transmitted to the said Committee shall transmit the same on or before the Twentieth Day of *September* next.

Penalty for Delay in transmitting Certificates required by recited Act.

II. And whereas much Inconvenience and Danger to the Public has been found to result from the over-crowding of Steam Vessels, and it is expedient to prevent such over-crowding: Be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lords of the said Committee, whenever they think fit so to do, to insert into any Certificate granted by them in conformity with the Provisions of the said recited Act a Notice of the Number of Passengers which the Vessel to which such Certificate has been granted is constructed to carry, and whenever such Notice shall have been so inserted in the Certificate it shall not be lawful for any such Vessel at any Time to have or receive on board any greater Number of Passengers than the Number specified in the Certificate which it may have last received from the said Committee; and in case any such Vessel shall at any Time have or receive on board any greater Number, the Owner or Owners, or the Master or other Person having Charge thereof, shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Shillings for every Passenger over and above the Number so specified in the Certificate as aforesaid.

Board of Trade may insert in Certificate a Notice of the Number of Passengers Steam Vessels are constructed to carry.

Penalty for carrying a greater Number than specified in Certificate.

III. And be it enacted, That the Owner or Owners of every Steam Vessel shall cause a true Copy of the Certificate which they have last received from the Lords of the said Committee to be put up in some conspicuous Part of the Vessel, where the same will be visible to the Passengers on board the same, and if they neglect to do so they shall for every Offence be liable to a Forfeiture or Penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds.

A true Copy of Certificate to be placed in a conspicuous Part of the Vessel.

Penalty for Neglect.

IV. And be it enacted, That if any Person, after having been refused Admission into any Steam Vessel by the Owner or Owners or any Person in the Employ of the Owner or Owners thereof on account of such Steam Vessel being full, and after having had the full Amount of his Fare (if he has paid the same) returned or tendered to him, shall nevertheless persist in attempting to enter the same, or if any Person having got on board any Steam Vessel be requested

Penalty on Persons, having been refused Admission, forcing their Way on board when Vessels are full, &c.

requested on the like account by the Owner or Owners thereof, or by any Person in their Employ, to leave such Steam Vessel before the same has quitted the Place at which such Person got on board, and shall refuse to do so, after having had the full Amount of his Fare (if he has paid the same) returned or tendered to him, then and in either of such Cases such Person shall for such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Shillings.

Penalty on Persons refusing or neglecting to pay their Fares, or quit Vessels, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That if any Person travel or attempt to travel in any Steam Vessel which has been duly surveyed in conformity with the Provisions of the said recited Act without having previously paid his or her Fare, and with Intent to avoid Payment thereof, or if any Person, having paid his or her Fare for a certain Distance, knowingly and wilfully proceed in any such Vessel beyond such Distance without previously paying the additional Fare for the additional Distance, and with Intent to avoid Payment thereof, or if any Person knowingly and wilfully refuse or neglect, on arriving at the Point to which he has paid his Fare, to quit such Vessel, every such Person for every such Offence shall forfeit to the Owner or Owners of such Steam Vessel a Sum not exceeding Five Shillings.

Penalties how to be recovered and applied.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed shall be sued for, recovered, and applied in like Manner as the Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by the said recited Act are therein directed to be sued for, recovered, and applied, except as is hereby otherwise directed.

Nothing to affect Privileges of Corporation of London.

VII. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or derogate from the Estates, Rights, Interests, Privileges, Franchises, Jurisdiction, or Authority of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or their Successors, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, nor prohibit, defeat, alter, or diminish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction which at the Time of passing this Act the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or the said Lord Mayor for the Time being as Conservator of the River *Thames*, or otherwise, or the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, or the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London* in Common Council assembled, under or by virtue of any Act of Parliament, did or might lawfully claim, use, or exercise.

Act may be amended, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament.

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