

CHAPTER LXII.

AN ACT TO PREVENT SICKLY VESSELS COMING INTO THIS
GOVERNMENT.

Whereas it hath been found by sad experience that the coming and arriving of unhealthy vessels at the ports and towns of this province and territories, and the landing of their passengers and goods before they have lain some time to be purified, hath proved very detrimental to the health of the inhabitants of this province:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the publication hereof, no unhealthy or sickly vessels coming from any unhealthy or sickly place whatsoever, shall come nearer than one mile to any of the towns or ports of this province or territories, without bills of health; nor shall [any person] presume to bring to the shore such vessels, nor to land such passengers or their goods at any the said ports or places, until such time as they shall obtain a license; for their landing at Philadelphia, from the Governor and council; or from any two justices of the peace of any other port or county of this province or territories, under the penalty of one hundred pounds for every such unhealthy vessel so landing as aforesaid, to the use of the proprietary and governor. And that suitable provision be ordered by the governor and council for their reception, if they shall be permitted to land or come on shore.

Passed November 27, 1700; allowed to become a law by lapse of time, in accordance with the provisions of the proprietary charter, having been considered by the Queen in Council, February 7, 1705-6, and not acted upon. See Appendix I, Section II, and the Act of Assembly, passed February 3, 1742-43, Chapter 357; repealed by the Acts of Assembly, passed January 22, 1774, Chapter 691, and April 22, 1794, Chapter 1759.