

CHAPTER MMCCXXVII.

AN ACT TO ALTER AND AMEND THE HEALTH LAWS OF THIS STATE, SO FAR AS RESPECTS VESSELS, GOODS AND PASSENGERS, COMING FROM ANY PORT OR PLACE IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

Whereas the proviso contained in the fourth section of an act of the general assembly of this commonwealth, passed the nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one, entitled "An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the river Delaware and the Chesapeake bay, and to authorize the clearing of obstructions in the river Susquehanna, down to the Maryland line, and for other purposes therein mentioned,"⁽¹⁾ has been deemed by some of the citizens of the state of Delaware susceptible of a construction injurious to their interests, and it is the wish of the legislature of this commonwealth to remove every reasonable cause of complaint on the part of the citizens of a sister state: Therefore,

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the proviso contained in the fourth section of the act entitled "An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the river Delaware and the Chesapeake bay, and to authorize the clearing of obstructions in the river Susequehanna, down to the Maryland line, and for other purposes therein mentioned,"⁽¹⁾ and every matter and thing therein contained, be, and the same is hereby repealed: And that in future, such vessels and crews, goods and passengers, with their beds, bedding and apparel, as shall appear by the certificate of the board of health, or health officer, or (where there is no board of health or health officer) by that of any regular physician, and three justices of the peace, at any part or district in the state of Delaware (reciting the quantity and quality, and if any, the marks and numbers of such goods, beds, bed-

ding and apparel, and the names of the crew and passengers) to have been landed at least fifteen days within the said state or district, and the said crew and passengers to be in healthy state; and the said goods, beds, bedding and apparel to be well aired and purified, and to the best of their knowledge and belief, to be free from contagion and infection; shall upon due examination of such certificate, by the resident physician or other proper officer at the lazaretto of the port of Philadelphia, be permitted to proceed to Philadelphia, or the port or place of their destination, in the same manner as if the said landing, airing and purification had taken place at the said lazaretto: Provided, that nothing hereinbefore contained shall prevent the proper officers at the lazaretto aforesaid, in cases where after any bill of health as aforesaid has been granted at any port or place in the state of Delaware, any infectious or contagious disease shall exist or be suspected to exist on board any such vessel, from directing such further quarantine or detention, cleansing, airing and purification, as in the judgment of the said officers and board of health shall be requisite and necessary for the preservation of the people of the city and port of Philadelphia, from pestilential and contagious diseases.

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Note (4) Chapter 2186; 16 Statutes at Large, p. 549.

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AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF PETER WILLIAMS.

Whereas it appears by the petition of Peter Williams, formerly a drummer in the third Pennsylvania regiment, that he has lost a certificate, number four hundred and seventy-one, for the sum of eighty-eight pounds one shilling and nine pence, granted him for the depreciation of his pay, and on which one year's interest hath been paid: And whereas it also appears by information from the comptroller-general, that the said certificate hath not been redeemed by this Commonwealth. Therefore: