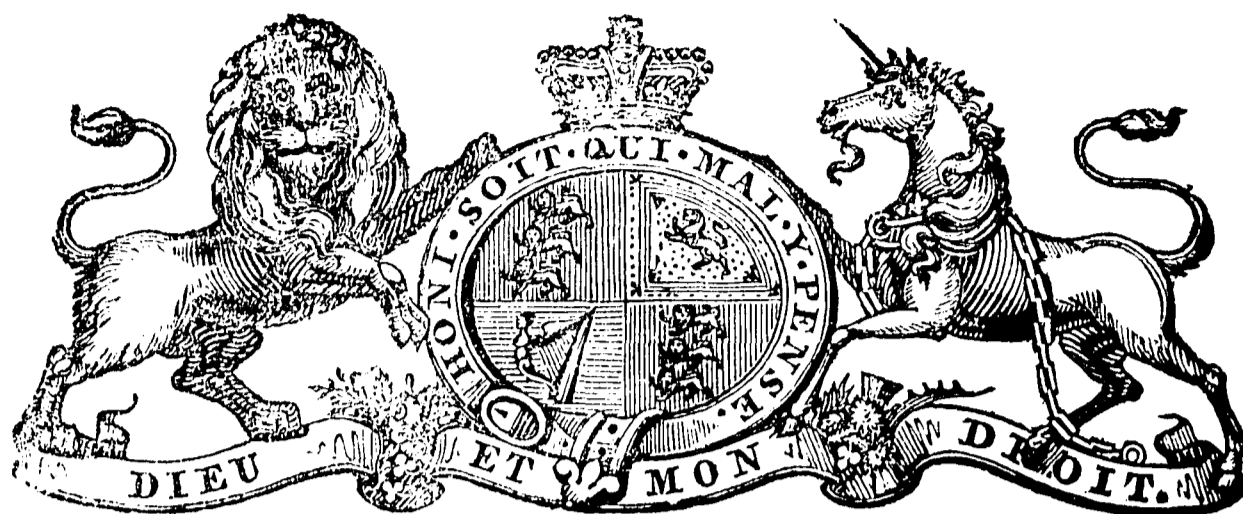


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No. CLXXV.

An Act to regulate Immigration into Victoria.

[2nd September, 1863.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:

I. The Governor in Council may from time to time appoint some person to be Agent-General for Victoria in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and also any persons not exceeding six to be Emigration Commissioners for Victoria in the said kingdom and may remove any such person or persons and appoint another or others in his or their stead.

Appointment of agent general and emigration commissioners.

II. It will be the duty of the agent-general to do all things in relation to Victoria that the Governor in Council may from time to time direct and to attend all meetings of the emigration commissioners and to preside thereat and with their advice and subject to the instructions of the Governor in Council and the regulations hereinafter mentioned to do all necessary acts for the selection of emigrants and their conveyance to Victoria and to make contracts for such selection or conveyance on behalf of the Government of Victoria and to carry into effect the provisions of this Act concerning emigration.

Duties of agent-general.

III. The agent-general shall be entitled to receive such salary as the Parliament of Victoria may from time to time provide and shall be required to give security approved by the Governor in Council or by some person authorised in that behalf by the Governor in Council for the due performance of his duties in the sum of ten thousand pounds.

Remuneration of agent-general.

IV. It will be the duty of the emigration commissioners to promote emigration especially from the United Kingdom to Victoria and to consult with and advise the agent-general upon all matters relating thereto and the agent-general shall not act without or against the

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the advice of a majority of the Commissioners present at some meeting held under this Act but if he dissent therefrom it will be his duty forthwith to transmit to the Governor in Council a statement of the advice so tendered to him and of his reason for declining to adopt the same.

Remuneration of emigration commissioners.

V. It will be the duty of the emigration commissioners to meet once at least in every month and each Commissioner shall be entitled to receive for every meeting that he has attended the sum of two guineas but the entire amount payable to such Commissioners shall not in any one year exceed seven hundred pounds.

Members of Executive Council or of Victorian Parliament may attend meetings of emigration commissioners.

VI. If any member of the Executive Council or Parliament of Victoria be temporarily resident in the United Kingdom he shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the emigration commissioners and to take part in their deliberations but not to vote thereat.

Appointment of agents and sub-agents.

VII. The agent-general with the advice of the emigration commissioners may from time to time appoint subject to the approval of the Governor in Council agents not exceeding in the whole five in number in such towns of the United Kingdom as the agent-general with the advice aforesaid may from time to time direct and it will be the duty of such agents to encourage so far as in them lies emigration to Victoria and to superintend the shipping of emigrants thereto and to carry into effect such instructions as they may from time to time receive from the agent-general and such agents may be removed by the agent-general with the advice aforesaid from time to time as may be found necessary.

Their remuneration.

VIII. Every such agent shall be entitled to receive exclusive of his travelling expenses a yearly salary of five hundred pounds or of such less sum as the Governor in Council may from time to time direct and such salary shall be derived from the fund appropriated to immigration by "The Land Act 1862."

Appointment of staff.

IX. The agent-general with the advice aforesaid and subject to the approval of the Governor in Council may from time to time appoint competent persons for the performance of the clerical and other duties required in the execution of this Act and may also in like manner appoint one of the agents aforesaid to be secretary to the agent-general and the Emigration Commissioners and in consideration of the discharge of the duties of such office such agent may receive in addition to his salary as agent an allowance not exceeding two hundred pounds in each year.

Immigration committee in Melbourne.

X. The Governor in Council may from time to time appoint in Victoria any persons not exceeding five in number to be a committee of which the immigration agent for the time being shall be chairman to advise immigrants on their arrival and assist them in obtaining employment and otherwise and each member of such committee unless he be in receipt of salary in the public service shall receive for each attendance thereat the sum of one guinea but the entire amount payable to such committee shall not in any one year exceed the sum of four hundred pounds.

Governor in Council may make contracts and regulations.

XI. The Governor in Council may from time to time enter into contracts with any person that he may think fit for the selection and for conveyance of immigrants into Victoria or for either of such purposes and may from time to time make regulations for the conduct of emigration to Victoria and for the nomination of immigrants by persons resident therein and for the distribution of any funds which may be available for the purposes of immigration and for the introduction into Victoria from places other than the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland
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(anything in "The Land Act 1862" to the contrary notwithstanding) upon such terms and conditions as he may think fit of persons skilled in any description of industry which the Governor in Council may deem it advisable to encourage in Victoria and of the families of such persons and no action shall be taken upon any such regulation until the same has been laid before Parliament.

XII. When any natural born or naturalized subject of Her Majesty resident in Victoria or in the United Kingdom aforesaid desires to nominate for passages to Victoria any friend or relative if he pay in Victoria to the immigration agent or in the United Kingdom to the agent-general the sums set forth in the schedule hereto according to the scale therein specified or such less sums as the Governor in Council may from time to time direct and if he otherwise comply with the regulations aforesaid the person so nominated shall be entitled to receive a passage accordingly.

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grants.

XIII. If any person by any false statement made in Victoria obtain either for himself or for any other person a passage granted in accordance with any regulations under this Act he shall on conviction before any two justices be liable for each such offence to pay the whole cost of any such passage and also to pay a penalty of not more than fifty or less than five pounds and in default of payment of such passage and penalty or either of them he may be imprisoned with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding six months.

Penalty for fraudu-
lently obtaining
passage.

XIV. No person who may be appointed to any office or place under this Act shall have or be entitled to any compensation by reason of the loss of such office or place or of the diminution of the emoluments thereof.

No compensation to
be claimed under
this Act.

SCHEDULE.

Scale of Payments.

Sex.					Under 15 Years.	15 Years and under 40.	40 Years and upwards.
Male	£4	£8	£9
Female	3	4	5

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