

CHINESE IMMIGRANTS PROHIBITION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to prohibit the Immigration of Chinese into New Zealand. Title.  
 BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Chinese Immigrants Prohibition Act, 1880." Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—  
 "Chinese" means any male person born of Mongolian parents, and any native of China, Japan, Burmah, Thibet, or any island in the China seas, not born of European parents; Interpretation.

"Vessel" means any sailing or steam ship or other seagoing vessel of whatsoever kind or description;  
 "Master" means the person, other than a pilot, for the time being in actual command of any such vessel.

3. If, after the coming into operation of this Act, any vessel shall arrive in any port in New Zealand having on board one or more Chinese passengers, the owner, charterer, or master of such vessel shall be liable to a payment of *ten pounds* for each such Chinese passenger. Ten pounds to be paid on importation of every Chinese.

This sum of *ten pounds* for each Chinese passenger shall be paid to the Collector of Customs, or other Customs officer in charge, before the master of any vessel bringing such Chinese passenger or passengers to any port in New Zealand shall be permitted to make any entry at the Customs.

4. All Chinese passengers shall be maintained at the expense of the vessel bringing them to New Zealand while such vessel remains in port, and they shall be deported by the same vessel on her departure; or earlier, at the expense of said vessel, if a suitable conveyance furth of the colony can be found. Chinese passengers to be maintained in port at expense of vessel and deported.

5. If any Chinese shall enter or attempt to enter the colony without paying or having paid for him the sum of *ten pounds* as aforesaid, he shall, besides such sum, be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five pounds*, and may be apprehended and taken before any Justice of the Peace, who may take sufficient bail for his appearance at the nearest Resident Magistrate's Court, where, on conviction, he shall be confined until the money is paid and suitable arrangements are made for his deportation. Penalty.

6. The Chinese already residing in New Zealand are excepted from the provisions of this Act. Saving clause.

7. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one. Operation of Act.