

bridge or causeway, or remove or cause to be removed, any of the plank or timber therefrom, or cut down or injure any tree planted or growing as a shade tree in any public highway, or damage any highway by digging in it, he shall be liable to be prosecuted before any Justice of the Peace by any Supervisor of the county, in behalf of said county, and on conviction thereof, shall be fined in a sum not to exceed one hundred dollars.

Disposition
of fines.

SEC. 14. All fines collected under the provisions of this Act shall be paid into the County Treasury for the use of the Road District in which the same was collected.

Repeal.

SEC. 15. An Act concerning Roads and Highways, passed April eleventh, eighteen hundred and fifty, and An Act concerning Roads and Highways, passed April nineteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER CLIII.

AN ACT

To Discourage the Immigration to this State of Persons who cannot become Citizens thereof.

[Approved April 23, 1855.]

The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

Tax of \$50.

SECTION 1. The master, owner, or consignee of any vessel, arriving in any of the ports of this State from any foreign State, country or territory, having on board any persons who are incompetent by the laws of the United States or the laws and constitution of this State to become citizens thereof are hereby required to pay a tax, for each such person, of fifty dollars.

Officers to
visit ships.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Emigrants of the city of San Francisco, or the Mayor or other chief municipal officer of any town or city in other parts of this State, to visit all such vessels immediately upon their arrival in any of said ports, and whenever the said Commissioner, Mayor or other chief municipal officer shall be satisfied by personal inspection, or otherwise, of the number of passengers referred to in the first section of this Act, on board of said vessel, he shall demand and receive of the master, owner or consignee of such vessel, the sum of fifty dollars for each such passenger so disqualified from becoming a citizen of the United States.

Collection
of tax.

SEC. 3. In the event of the non-payment of said tax within three days after the arrival of said vessel, or within three days after demand for said tax, said Commissioner, Mayor or chief officer of any city, town or village, shall commence suit in the name of the State against the master, owner or consignee, or all of them for said tax before any court of competent jurisdiction in said town or city; and the

Suit against
master.

commencing of said suit shall constitute a lien upon such vessel for the ^{Lien on vessel.} amount of said tax, and it shall be forever liable for the same.

SEC. 4. The Commissioner of Emigrants of San Francisco is hereby ^{Disposition of money.} required to pay over on the first Monday of every month to the Treasurer of State, for the use of the Hospital Fund, all moneys collected under the provisions of this Act, reserving to himself first five per cent-^{Commission.} of the amount so collected as compensation under this Act.

SEC. 5. The said Commissioner of Emigrants is required, before ^{Bond of Commissioner.} entering upon the duties of this Act, to enter into a bond to the State of California in the sum of thirty thousand dollars, with good and sufficient security to be approved by the Governor, conditioned that he will ^{Condition.} well and truly discharge all the duties required of him by this Act, which said bond shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect from and after the first day of ^{Take effect.} September next.

CHAPTER CLIV.

AN ACT

To fix the Salary of the County Judge of Placer County.

[Approved April 23, 1855]

The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The County Judge of the county of Placer, shall re-^{Salary.} ceive for his services the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars annually, from and after the 2d day of June, 1855.

SEC. 2. So much of an Act entitled "An Act to fix the compensa-^{Repeal.} tion of County Judges, and Associate Justices of the Courts of Sessions and to repeal a like Act passed April 22d, 1850," passed May 17th, 1853, as is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, is hereby repealed.