

EMIGRANT LANDING DEPOT,

Mr. Pratt

AND

Offices of the Commissioners of Emigration,

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

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Castle Garden, New York, August 12th 1869

Mr. J. L. Bancroft Davis
Acting Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your communication under date of the 31st ultimo addressed to the Governor of the State of New York and referred by him to me for reply.

In answer to your inquiries I beg leave to inform you that there is no law of this State affecting passengers arriving at this port, "prohibiting the landing of leucotic paupers." There is however a law of this State whereby special bonds are required to be executed to the Commissioners of Emigration by the master and owner or consignee of the vessel from which such passengers may have been

loaded. These bonds are to protect this city and State from any expense for such persons if destitute and thrown a charge on the city or state.

The clause referring to it will be found in the compilation of laws enacted by the State of New York of which I send you a copy, page 26. Section 11.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant

Alfred Carter
General Agent & Superintendent
Commissioners of Emigration