

## PASSENGERS' AGREEMENT

### FOR A SHIP FROM AMSTERDAM TO AMERICA 1819

*The following is the agreement signed by passengers on the ship, "Elizabeth," sailing from Amsterdam to Philadelphia in 1819. Located in the Library of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, it states the requirements for both passengers and captain of the ship.*<sup>1</sup>

We the undersigned: I, M. Adams, Captain of the Ship Elizabeth on one part, and we the passengers on the other part do obligate ourselves—

*First,* We the passengers to take our passage with the above mentioned Capt. Adams to Philadelphia in North America, and to conduct ourselves as good passengers ought to do, quiet and orderly, and to be satisfied with the food mentioned at foot as per agreement with the Captain, and with regard to water and other provisions, to follow the Captain's directions as he shall find necessary through long passage or other circumstances.

*Second,* We agree to take our passage on the following conditions, viz. to pay  
For those who are able to pay in Amsterdam for each person man or woman 180 fr.

Children under four years of age are free—

From four to twelve years to pay 90 fr.

From twelve years and older to pay 180 fr.

For those who are not able to pay here or only in part, the passage to be

Children under four years of age free

From four to twelve years 95 fr.

From twelve years and older 190 fr. and 200 fr. as specified.

Those who have to pay their passage in America shall be obliged to do so in ten days after their arrival. No passenger shall be allowed to leave the vessel in America without leave from the Captain and in particular those as have not paid their passage money. Should any one of the passengers die on the voyage, the family of such person shall be obliged to pay his passage, if such decease took place on more than half the distance of the voyage, but should the person die this side half the distance, the loss of the passage shall fall to the Captain.

In return I, M. Adams obligate myself to carry these passengers to Philadelphia, to accommodate them with the necessary comfort and give them daily the here below mentioned proportion of victuals—children not to receive anything.

Sunday—one pound Beef and half pound Rice,

Monday—one pound Flour,

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<sup>1</sup> Topper, Michael, ed., *Emigrants to Pennsylvania, 1641-1819. A consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists from the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publications Co., 1975).

Tuesday—one half pound Pork with pease,<sup>2</sup>

Wednesday—one pound Beef and barley,

Thursday—like Tuesday,

Friday—like Monday,

Saturday—like Wednesday,

One pound Butter, one pound Cheese, six pounds Bread, per week.

One glass Gin and three quarter gallons Water per day.

There shall also be on board a sufficiency of Vinegar to cleanse the vessel and for the refreshing the passengers. To all this we bind ourselves with our persons and property.

Witness Van Oliver & Co.

AMSTERDAM, 4 May, 1819.

*[Following is a list of passengers.]*

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<sup>2</sup> “Pease” is the Middle English spelling of the vegetable, peas.