

## C A P. XIII.

AN Act for the further encouragement of Agriculture in this Province.

(22d March, 1825 )

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to appropriate a certain sum of Money for the encouragement of Agriculture ; May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, " An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,*" and " to make further provision for the Government of the said Province ;" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, out of any unappropriated Monies, that are or hereafter may come into the hands of the Receiver-General of the Province, for the time being to advance and pay from time to time by a Warrant or Warrants under his hand, a sum not exceeding in the whole the sum of one thousand, three hundred and twenty-five pounds, currency, for the encouragement of Agriculture during the present year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and to be distributed and applied in each of the undermentioned Districts in this Province, in the following proportions, that is to say, a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, to the Agricultural Society for the District of Quebec ; a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for the Agricultural Society established in the District of Montreal, or such Agricultural Societies in the said District, as may hereafter be established with the approbation of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government of the Province ; a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, for the Agricultural Society established in the District of Three-Rivers, or such Agricultural Societies in the said District as may hereafter be established with the approbation of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government of the Province : a sum not exceeding seventy-five pounds currency, for the Agricultural Society in the Inferior

Governor empowered to grant certain sums of money for the encouragement of Agriculture.

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rior District of Gaspé, or for such Agricultural Societies in the said District as may hereafter be established with the approbation of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government of the Province for the time being. Provided always, that one half of the said sum appropriated with respect to the said Inferior District of Gaspé, shall go to any Agricultural Society, formed or to be formed in the Bay of Gaspé, or for that part of the said Inferior District Eastward of Point Mackerell, and the other half to any Agricultural Society formed or to be formed in the *Bay des Chaleurs*, or for that part of the said Inferior District Westward of Point Mackerell.

Agricultural Society of Quebec empowered to pay a certain sum of money to pay the balance due on the importation of certain articles of Husbandry.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Agricultural Society of Quebec to apply a sum not exceeding two hundred and eighty-nine pounds one shilling and four pence currency, to liquidate and pay the balance due by the said Society, on the importation of certain implements of husbandry and books, which said sum shall be taken from and out of the Monies appropriated by an Act passed in the first Year of His Majesty's Reign, chapter fifth for the purposes of Agriculture and the encouragement of the same.

Agricultural Societies to render an account of the expenditure of the money, and of their proceedings to the three Branches of the Legislature.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Agricultural Societies in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the Town of Three-Rivers, and in the said Inferior District of Gaspé, shall render an account to the Three Branches of the Legislature in the course of twenty days after the opening of the ensuing Session, of the Monies by them respectively advanced and expended under this Act, and of their proceedings, accompanied with such information, as may tend to the encouragement of Agriculture.

No part of the monies appropriated by this Act to be paid for or on account of the salary of any Secretary, &c. expences for stationery and printing excepted.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no part of the Monies by this Act appropriated, shall be by any of the Agricultural Societies in this Province paid for, or on account of the salary of any Secretary or Writer to any Agricultural Society or for travelling expenses, nor for any other expense whatever of the Members, Officers or Servants of any such Agricultural Society, expences, for Stationery and Printing, for such Society, alone, excepted.

Application of the monies to be accounted for to His Majesty.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the Monies by this Act appropriated, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors shall be pleased to direct.