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**An Act to appropriate certain sums of money therein-mentioned for the relief of Insane, Infirm and sick persons, and towards the support of Foundlings and for other purposes. (9th March, 1824.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas it is expedient to appropriate certain sums of money towards the support of the Establishments herein after-mentioned, for the present year one thousand eight hundred, and twenty-four—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 for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, to advance from time to time, by a Warrant or Warrants under his hand, from and out of any unappropriated monies that actually are or that hereafter shall come into the hands of the Receiver-General of the Province, the following sums of money for the several purposes herein-after particularly mentioned and specified, that is to say:—a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, currency, for defraying the expenses to be incurred in the District of Quebec, towards the support of Foundlings and other contingent expenses in that behalf, for the year commencing on the first day of November last, and ending on the thirty-first day of October one thousand-eight hundred and twenty-four:—a further sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, currency, to defray the expenses of Insane persons under the care of the Religious Ladies of the General Hospital, near Quebec, for the like period a further sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, currency, for the boarding and care of Invalids and Infirm persons in the General Hospital aforesaid, for the like period—a further sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, currency for defraying the expenses for the maintenance and support of Foundlings and of Insane persons under the care of the Religious Ladies of the General Hospital, in Montreal, for the like period:—a further sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, as an aid to the Religious Ladies of the Hotel Dieu, at Montreal, for the like period—a further sum not exceeding three hundred pounds, currency, towards the support and maintenance of Foundlings, and of sick, infirm, and insane persons in the District of Three-Rivers [Trois-Rivières], for the like period:—a further sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, currency, as an aid to the Religious Ladies

of the General Hospital, at Montreal, to enable them to procure furniture, clothing, sheetings and utensils, necessary for some of the new Wards or Apartments which they have recently built, and which are intended for the accommodation of an increased number of infirm persons and Foundlings:—a further sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, as an aid to the Corporation of the General Hospital at Montreal.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no insane or infirm or invalid person or persons shall be admitted or received into any of the Religious Houses above-mentioned, unless by the consent and authority of the Commissioners who shall or may hereafter be appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, for the purposes of this Act.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners appointed as aforesaid, or any two of them, whenever any Foundlings provided for under this Act shall, in the judgement of the Commissioners have attained a proper age to bind them out Apprentices, or from time to time, to place them with such person or persons, and on such terms and conditions as to such Commissioners, or any two of them, shall be considered fit. Provided always, that the term of any such Apprenticeship or time of service shall not, in any case, exceed the age of twenty-one years.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all Foundlings who heretofore have been or who actually are under the care of Commissioners thereunto appointed by virtue of any Act or Acts of the Legislature of this Province, or who shall be under the care of such Commissioners as may be appointed for that purpose, under this or any other future Act of the Legislature of this Province shall, unless it be otherwise provided by such Act, be and remain during their nonage or minority under the tutelle of such Commissioners, who shall, unless where Tutors are specially appointed to such Foundlings in the due and ordinary course of Law, to all legal intents and purposes have and may exercise the same authority over such Foundlings respectively, during their minority, as a Tutor or Tutors lawfully appointed for the purpose, might have and exercise over such Foundlings.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies appropriated in virtue of this Act, 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.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Commissioners for carrying this Act into effect, shall, in the course of fifteen days after the opening of the ensuing Session of the Legislature, lay before the three branches thereof, a detailed and full statement or account of the manner in which the sums appropriated by this Act, have been laid out and expended.