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**An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money therein-mentioned, towards the support of the Emigrant Hospital, established in Quebec. (9th March, 1824.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas it is expedient to appropriate a sum of money for the relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants arriving at Quebec from the United Kingdom, as well as for other indigent sick persons labouring under contagious diseases; 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 from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province for the time, by a Warrant or Warrants under his hand, from time to time, as occasion may require, to advance from and out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver-General of the Province, during the present year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, towards the support of the Hospital actually established in the City of Quebec, for the relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants from the United-Kingdom, pursuant to an Act passed in the last Session of the Legislature of this Province, a sum not exceeding in the whole, the sum of six hundred pounds, currency.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Hospital shall also be open for the reception and accommodation of the Indigent Sick of whatsoever denomination labouring under contagious diseases, as well as to Indigent Sick Emigrants from the United Kingdom.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Hospital shall be under the superintendence and direction of the six senior Justices of the Peace, and of the six eldest Physicians and Surgeons, or in case of their refusal or neglect or of the refusal or neglect of any of them, then the next eldest in succession residing in the City of Quebec, who, or a majority of them, may meet as often as need may be, for the purposes of this Act, and may name a Committee of any three among themselves, to regulate and control the expenditure and accounts of the said Hospital, liable to the examination and revision of the said Justices and Physicians and Surgeons, or a majority of the same, at any meeting held for the purpose at the said Hospital.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Justices of the Peace and Physicians and Surgeons, or a majority of them, at any meeting specially convoked for the purpose at

the Hospital aforesaid, may make such temporary regulations for the benefit of the said Hospital as they shall deem necessary, and may alter or amend such as may already have been made for the said Hospital. Provided always, that such temporary Regulations shall and may remain in force until the end of the next Session of the Provincial Legislature, and no longer.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that free access to the said Hospital, at all reasonable times and hours, shall be afforded to the four eldest practising Physicians and Surgeons residing in the City of Quebec, who shall be willing to give or afford gratis professional relief or attendance to sick persons in the said Hospital.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the persons under whose direction and superintendence the money appropriated by this Act, shall be laid out and expended, shall, in the course of fifteen days after the opening of the next Session of the Legislature, lay before the three branches thereof, a detailed and full statement of the manner in which such money shall have been laid out and expended.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the money appropriated by 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.