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6 George IV – Chapter 32

**An Act to appropriate a further Sum of Money towards the Settlement of the Road between Saint Joachim and the Bay Saint Paul, in the County of Northumberland.**

29th March, 1826. Presented for His Majesty's Assent, and reserved "for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon."

14th March, 1827. Assented by His Majesty, in His Privy Council.

29th August, 1827. The Royal Assent signified by the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas it is expedient to appropriate a further Sum of Money in addition to the sum appropriated by an Act passed in the fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign, Chapter Twenty-eight, and to alter the provisions of the said Act: 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 this Province for the time being, to advance by a Warrant or Warrants under his hand, a sum not exceeding Five hundred pounds Currency, in addition to the like Sum of Five hundred Pounds Currency, appropriated by the aforesaid Act of the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, Chapter twenty-eight, which said sum hereby appropriated, shall be taken from and out of any unappropriated monies that now are or hereafter may come in the hands of the Receiver General of the Province for the time being, and be appropriated and expended as herein after mentioned and provided for, and towards the encouragement and formation of Settlements on the Road of Communication between Saint Joachim and the Bay Saint Paul [Baie-Saint-Paul], in the County of Northumberland.

II. And be it, further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that instead of the Provisions and restrictions with respect to the application and payment of the said sum of Five hundred Pounds Currency, appropriated by the said Act passed in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to appropriate a sum of money towards promoting the

improvement of the road of Communication between Saint Joachim and the Bay Saint Paul," which are hereby repealed; the following shall be and are hereby substituted and provided: that is to say, the sum of One hundred Pounds Currency shall be given and paid to each of any four persons who shall settle themselves on the said road halfway or thereabouts between the two Parishes above mentioned, and at a distance of not less than one league from each other, and the sum of Seventy five Pounds shall in like manner be given and paid to each of the other four persons who shall settle themselves in the neighbourhood of the former, and the sum of Fifty pounds Currency shall in like manner be given and paid to each of any other two persons who shall settle themselves adjacent to each other at the distance of a league or thereabout from the latter towards Saint Joachim, and the sum of fifty Pounds Currency shall in like manner be given and paid to each of any other four persons who shall settle themselves on the said road towards the Bay Saint Paul at the distance of half a league or thereabout from each other, or two by two at the distance of a league or thereabout from the last Settlement as aforesaid, on the said road, which said premiums shall be paid when the Settlers shall respectively have erected upon each of their respective lots a habitable House of twenty feet by twenty feet, french measure, with a good Barn and Stable of the like dimensions at least, and have cleared (the Stumps only excepted) and put under Cultivation, at least six acres of land and have actually resided upon the same during four years and kept in repair the front of their respective lots of land and in front of the adjacent unconceded lands not exceeding in the whole one half league, for the owner or occupier of each lot of land settled upon.

III. And he it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that for the purpose of carrying into effect the objects of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of the Province for the time being, to appoint three Commissionners who shall be and they are hereby authorized to Contract and agree with any persons willing to settle themselves in the manner herein above prescribed, on the said road (the rights of the Seigniors of land on which such settlements are to be made being always observed) relatively to the intended settlements, and to name Experts to visit such settlements and report whether the conditions and requirements of this Act have been complied with so as to entitle such settlers or any and which of them to the benefits thereof, nor shall any payment be made to any such settler until the report of the Experts shall have been approved by a majority of the Commissioners.

IV. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that a sum not exceeding in all Twenty-five Pounds Currency out of Monies hereby- appropriated may be applied by the Commissioners aforesaid in defraying such necessary expenses as may be incurred by them in the employment of persons towards promoting the due execution of this Act.

V. Provided always and he it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful upon the recommendation of the Commissioners to be appointed under this Act or of any two of them to advance to each of such settlers, one half of the premiums or bounties allowed to them by any Contract, such settlers having actually commenced their residence

and settlement on their respective lots, and giving good and sufficient security to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, that they will well and truly comply with and perform the conditions and requirements of this Act; and the remainder of the premiums or bounties hereby granted shall be finally paid to the said settlers respectively at the end of three years from the time when they shall respectively have commenced their several settlements, it being made apparent to the Commissioners or a majority of them appointed under this Act by report of Experts or otherwise, that its conditions and requirements have been complied with.

VI. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any settler shall sell or relinquish his land or settlement, the person purchasing or acquiring and settling upon the same, shall on performance of the conditions and requirements of this Act, be entitled to the like benefits under the same as the settler to whom he succeeds might have been entitled.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any such settler who shall have settled upon any lot of land on the said road, shall abandon or relinquish the same during two months in any one year, so as that such lot shall be unoccupied or waste, he shall forfeit his right and interest in such lot, which shall forthwith upon such abandonment or relinquishment be vested in the Commissioners aforesaid, who are hereby authorized to enter upon and take possession thereof and give, grant, convey or sell the same, subject only to the right of the Seigneur [Seigneur], to any person or persons who will undertake to occupy and actually settle upon the same in order that Travellers may enjoy the advantage of the intended settlement: Provided always that no such settler having abandoned or relinquished his lot before the expiration of four years as aforesaid, or his sureties shall on this account be discharged from the liabilities by them respectively incurred, by reason of such abandonment or relinquishment.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that none of the monies appropriated by this Act or by the aforesaid Act of the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, shall be advanced or paid until the Commissioners shall have made a report that contracts, upon good and sufficient security have been duly entered into and executed for the purposes of this Act, and that pursuant to the same settlements have actually been commenced and work done therein as herein above provided.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Commissioners to be appointed under this Act, shall make a report of their proceedings with a list of the applications made to them and of the contracts entered into by them in virtue of this Act, the whole accompanied with an account of disbursements to the three branches of the Legislature within fifteen days after the opening of each Session, during the time they shall be in office.

X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies appropriated and to be expended under this Act, shall be accounted for to His

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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.