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**An Act to appropriate certain sums of money for establishing a Depot of Provisions near Cape Chat for the relief of shipwrecked persons and for other purposes. (25th February, 1832.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas shipwrecks on uninhabited places along the shores of the River Saint Lawrence below Cape Chat [Cap-Chat], frequently occur, and whereas for the relief of the sufferers in such shipwrecks, it is expedient to establish a Depot of Provisions at the small settlement at the River Sainte Anne below Cape Chat and a similar Depot at the Light House on Pointe des Monts, under the care of persons who in cases of need shall render assistance to mariners in distress and other shipwrecked persons: and to reimburse certain monies advanced by Robert Noel Lindsay, for the purchase of provisions for certain shipwrecked persons: 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 Québec 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, by warrant under his hand, and out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General, to advance and pay from time to time and as need shall be, a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, for the purpose of purchasing provisions to be deposited in a Depot to be established at the settlement at River Sainte Anne below Cape Chat; and in a like Depot to be established at the Light House on Pointe des Monts, under the care and management of the Keeper of the said Light House; and, a further sum not exceeding fifty pounds currency to be paid to Martin Legasse as a recompence for having acted as Keeper of the said Depot at the River Sainte Anne during one year, after the sum appropriated by the said Act, for the payment of the salary of such Keeper was expended; and a further not exceeding fifty pounds currency, to defray the salary of the Keeper of the said Depot at the River Sainte Anne, during the present year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two; and a further sum not exceeding fifteen pounds to be paid to Robert Noel Lindsay, Keeper of the Light House on Green Island, to reimburse a like sum expended in the purchase of the provisions furnished by him to certain persons shipwrecked on Green Island aforesaid, in the month of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Guardian of the said Depot at the River Sainte Anne and the Keeper of the said Light House, shall each keep a Register in which he shall make faithful entries of the names of all persons to whom he shall have given relief; the times at which the same was given, the quantity of provision furnished, the name of the vessels wrecked and of the masters of such vessels, the places at which the wreck took place and all such other particulars as shall be necessary to the full understanding of each case, of all which entries copies shall by such Guardian or Keeper be laid before the three branches of the Legislature within fifteen days after the opening of the then next Session thereof.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Guardians of such Depots shall faithfully apply the said provisions towards the relief of mariners in distress and other persons shipwrecked on the said shores, requiring such relief, and for no other purpose, observing always a proper economy in the distribution of such provisions for the sufficient relief of such persons as need shall be.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person to whom shall be entrusted the expenditure of any portion of the monies hereby appropriated, shall make up detailed accounts of such expenditure, showing the sum advanced to the accountant, the sum actually expended, the balance (if any,) remaining in his hands, and the amount of the monies hereby appropriated to the purpose for which such advance shall have been made, remaining unexpended in the hands of the Receiver General, and that every such account shall be supported by Vouchers therein distinctly referred to, by numbers corresponding to the numbering of the Items in such account, and shall be made up to and closed on the tenth day of April and tenth day of October in each year, during which such expenditure shall be made, and shall be attested before a Justice of the Court of King's Bench or a Justice of the Peace, and shall be transmitted to the Officer whose duty it shall be to receive such account, within fifteen days next after the expiration of the said periods respectively.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies 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 direct; and that a detailed account of all such monies shall be laid before the several branches of the Provincial Legislature within the first fifteen days of the next the Session thereof.