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An Act to appropriate a Sum of Money for establishing a Depot of provisions near Cape Chat, towards the relief of Mariners in distress and other Shipwrecked Persons. (14th March, 1829.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas shipwrecks on uninhabited places along the south shore 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, under the care of a Guardian, who, in cases of need, shall render assistance to Mariners in distress and other 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 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 to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, to authorize by a Warrant or Warrants under his hand, the payment of a sum of Money, not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds, currency, out of any unappropriated monies that now or hereafter shall come into the hands of the Receiver General of the Province for the time being, towards purchasing provisions and establishing a Depot, or Store of provisions at the said settlement, at the River Sainte Anne, below and near to Cape Chat aforesaid, for the purpose of affording relief in cases of shipwreck to mariners in distress and other shipwrecked persons for the present year, only.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that there shall be allowed the sum of fifty pounds, currency, as a Salary or Allowance to the Guardian or Keeper of the said Depot or Store of Provisions for the year commencing on the day when the same shall have been established at the said River Sainte Anne, and the said Guardian or Keeper put in possession thereof, which Salary or Allowance shall be, as well to defray him for all expenses of storage of the provisions for the Depot aforesaid, as to cover all services by him rendered in Execution of the due intention and meaning of this Act, for relieving distressed Mariners and other shipwrecked persons, and be paid by Warrant under the Hand of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of the Province for the time being.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Guardian or Keeper of the said Depot or Store, shall keep a Register in which he shall make faithful entries of the names of all persons to whom he shall have given relief, the time thereof, the quantity of Provisions furnished, the names of the Vessels wrecked and of the Masters of such vessels, specifying also the places where wrecked, and all such other particulars as it may be necessary to set forth for the full understanding of each case, and of all which Copies shall by such Guardian or Keeper be laid before the Three Branches of the Legislature at the next Session within one month after the opening thereof.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Guardian or Keeper of the said Depot or Store of provisions, shall faithfully apply the said provisions towards the relief of Mariners in distress and other persons shipwrecked on the said coast, 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.

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.