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9 George IV – Chapter 54

An Act to make further provision for the relief of the Indigent Sick, and for the support of Foundlings and others, and to reimburse certain sums of Money advanced for such purposes. (14th March, 1829.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas it is expedient to appropriate certain sums of Money for the purposes and towards the support of the Establishments herein-after mentioned; 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 the Province for the time being, to advance and pay from time to time, in the course of the present year, by a Warrant or Warrants under his hand, from and out of any unappropriated monies that now are in the hands of the Receiver, General of this Province, or that may hereafter, come into his hands, the following sums for the several purposes herein-after particularly, mentioned and specified, that is to say:

FIRST.—A sum not exceeding six hundred and eight pounds, six shillings and eight pence, currency, for the support of Insane persons in the General Hospital, near Quebec, for the year commenced the first of January last.

SECONDLY.—A sum not exceeding five hundred and eleven pounds, currency, for the support of infirm and invalid persons in the General Hospital, near Quebec, for the said year.

THIRDLY.—A sum not exceeding five hundred and eighty-five pounds, currency, for the support of Foundlings in the District of Quebec, for the said year.

FOURTHLY.—A sum not exceeding one hundred and fifteen pounds, currency, to be applied to and expended on the purchase of such clothing and other necessaries as may be indispensable for the use of insane, invalid and infirm persons and foundlings in the District of Quebec, for the said year.

FIFTHLY.—A sum not exceeding fifty pounds, currency, to be applied to and expended on the purchase and the fixing of ventilators for the cells in which insane persons are confined in the General Hospital, near Quebec, for the said year.

SIXTHLY.—A sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, currency, towards enabling the corporation of the Montreal General Hospital to pay off the Lods el Ventes and Droit d'Indemnité; to procure such new bedding and furniture as may be necessary, and towards the support of the said Hospital for the said year.

SEVENTHLY.—A sum not exceeding one thousand seven hundred and thirty- seven pounds, currency, for the General Hospital of the Grey Nuns of Montreal, being the balance of expenses incurred in the support of insane persons and foundlings for the years ended the thirty-first of October, one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, and the thirty-first of October, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

EIGHTHLY.—A sum not exceeding six hundred pounds currency, for the support of Foundlings in the General Hospital of the Grey Nuns of Montreal, for the year commenced the first of January last.

NINTHLY.—A sum not exceeding two hundred and twenty pounds for the support of Insane persons in the General Hospital of the Grey Nuns of Montreal for the said year.

TENTHLY.—A sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, towards enabling the religious Ladies of the Hotel Dieu of Quebec to tend the indigent sick persons in the said Hotel Dieu for the said year.

ELEVENTHLY.—A sum not exceeding six hundred and six pounds, fifteen shillings and sixpence sterling, to reimburse a like sum of six hundred and six pounds, fifteen shillings and sixpence sterling, advanced by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government for the use of the Emigrant Hospital at Quebec, during the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

TWELFTHLY.—A sum not exceeding seven hundred and ninety-six pounds, fifteen shillings and nine pence sterling, to reimburse a like sum of seven hundred and ninety-six pounds, fifteen shillings and nine pence sterling, advanced by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government for the support of Insane persons and Foundlings at Quebec during the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

THIRTEENTHLY.—A sum not exceeding sixty-seven pounds, ten shillings sterling, to reimburse a like sum of sixty-seven pounds ten shillings sterling, advanced by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government for the support of Insane persons and Foundlings at Three-Rivers [Trois-Rivières] during the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

II. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no poor sick person shall be admitted into any Ward of the aforesaid Hotel Dieu of Quebec without having previously obtained a recommendation for admittance from some Roman Catholic Priest or from some Protestant Clergyman, Minister or Teacher of any Protestant Congregation, cases of accident requiring immediate aid, only, excepted, which recommendation shall also certify that to the best of the knowledge of such Clergyman, Minister or Teacher, such poor sick person has no relation or other person chargeable by law with the support of such poor sick person resident in Quebec.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no insane, infirm or invalid person or persons shall be admitted or received into any of the Religious Houses or in the Cells provided for insane persons as above mentioned, otherwise than with the consent and by the authority of the Commissioners appointed, or who may be appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government for the execution of this Act.

IV. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no person or persons shall hereafter be confined in the cells provided for the Insane, until after an inquest by the advice of the relations or friends of such Insane person shall have been first held and evidence at such inquest duly taken upon Oath touching the alledged insanity of such person, nor until such advice shall have been confirmed by one of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench or the Provincial Judge of the District in which such Insane person shall or may be, and an order by such Judge thereupon made for his confinement; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided also that it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace to commit to the Common Gaol of the District in which he may reside for a space of time not exceeding three days, any such person or persons who may be charged on oath before such Justice of the Peace as being insane and dangerous to be at large preparatorily to such inquest as aforesaid..

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that Commissioners for carrying this Act into effect, and others whom it may concern-and by whom, the monies hereby appropriated shall have been applied and-expended, shall in the course of fifteen days next 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 hereby appropriated shall have been expended.

VI. 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.