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An Act for the establishment of a Temporary Fever Hospital for the reception of persons infected with Contagious Diseases. (26th March, 1830.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas His Excellency the Administrator of the Government has recommended the adoption of certain Legislative provisions for preventing the introduction of contagious diseases into this Province; 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 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 to appoint one or more persons to be Commissioner or Commissioners for the establishment of a temporary Fever Hospital in a retired situation outside the limits of the City of Quebec for the reception and medical treatment of such persons arriving in this Province from Seaward, as shall be found labouring under typhus fever, yellow fever, scarlet fever, plague, small pox or measles and of paupers infected with any of the said diseases; which temporary Hospital and the patients therein shall be under the care, direction management and superintendance of the Health Officer, to be appointed under the authority of this Act.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government may appoint a Medical Practitioner to be Health Officer for the purposes of this Act.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Harbour Master of the Port of Quebec, shall immediately after his first visit to any vessel arriving in the said Port, report to the said Health Officer, whether such Vessel has on board any steerage passengers and if there be no such passengers whether there be on board such vessel any person infected with any of the diseases herein before enumerated: and if there be any such passengers or any person infected it shall be the duty of the said Health officer within forty-eight hours after receiving such report to visit and examine the said Vessel; and for the purpose of making such visit and examination the said Harbour Master shall furnish to the said Health officer a Boat and Boats Crew whenever he shall be thereunto required; and

such vessel shall remain at anchor in the stream and no person shall be permitted to be disembarked therefrom or to quit such vessel in any way without a written permission signed by the said Health Officer under a penalty of twenty-five pounds currency, which penalty shall be incurred by the Master of the vessel from which any person shall have so disembarked or which he shall have left without such permission, and shall be sued for, recovered and enforced in the manner provided with respect to the penalty mentioned in the following, section of this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Health Officer shall cause every person on board such vessel, who shall be afflicted with any of the diseases herein before enumerated, to be conveyed to the Temporary Hospital to be established under the authority of this Act and if he shall consider such vessel or the cargo on board the same or any part thereof to be impregnated with the miasme of any contagious disease he shall cause such vessel or cargo to be disinfected by the use of the chloride of any oxide, or by any other means which he shall consider better adapted for effecting such disinfection, and any master of any such vessel who shall refuse to afford every possible facility to the said Health Officer or to assist him in conveying such persons so infected to the said temporary Hospital or in effecting such disinfection in the manner deemed most advisable by the said Health Officer, shall for such refusal incur a penalty of ten pounds currency, which penalty shall be recovered before the Justices of the Peace for the District of Quebec in any one of their Weekly Sessions, and if the said penalty be not paid by the offender immediately after his conviction, the said Justices of the Peace shall commit such offender to the common Gaol of the District until the same be paid.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government to advance and pay during the present year one thousand eight hundred and thirty to the said Commissioner or Commissioners by a Warrant or Warrants under his hand and out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General, and at the disposal of the Provincial Legislature, a sum not exceeding seven hundred and fifty pounds currency, for the hire of a House to be used as such temporary Hospital, and for the purchase of articles of diet for the sick and of bedding, kitchen utensils and medicines and for the payment of servants wages and for paying a just and reasonable remuneration to the said Health Officer for his services and the purchase of the articles by him required for the disinfection of vessels as aforesaid; and the said Commissioner or Commissioners shall within fifteen days after the opening of the next Session of the Provincial Legislature, lay before the several branches thereof a detailed account of the manner in which the sums of money to him or them advanced under the authority of this Act shall have been expended and applied; and the surplus of such monies (if any) shall be repaid to the Receiver General to remain in his hands at the future disposal of the Provincial Legislature.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies hereby appropriated, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors

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through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in such manner and form as His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors shall direct.