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1 William IV – Chapter 45

An Act to make provision for defraying the Civil Expenditure of the Provincial Government for the current year. (31st March, 1831.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas by Message of His Excellency MATTHEW LORD AYLMER, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Governor, in Chief, laid before both Houses of the Legislature, it appears that the Funds already by Law appropriated are not adequate to defray the whole expence of Your Majesty's Civil Government of this Province and of the Administration of Justice, and other, expences mentioned in the said Message; and whereas it is expedient to make further provision towards defraying the same for the present year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one:—We Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Lower-Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly beseech 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 from and out of the unappropriated monies which now are in, or shall hereafter come into the hands of the Receiver-General of the Province for the time being, there shall be applied and paid towards defraying the expences of the Administration of Justice, and of the support of the Civil Government of this Province for the present year, one thousand eight hundred and thirty one, such sum or sums of money as together with the sums already appropriated by Law for the said purposes shall amount to a sum not exceeding forty-six thousand five hundred and forty-nine pounds five shillings and eleven pence, sterling.

II. 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, shewing 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 the 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.

III. 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, bus heirs and successors shall be pleased to direct, and that a detailed account of the expenditure of all such monies shall be laid before the several Branches of the Provincial Legislature, within the first fifteen days days of the next Session thereof.