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3 William IV – Chapter 12

An Act to provide for the erection of a New Hall of Assembly. (3d April, 1833)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas by reason of the augmented number of the Members of the Assembly and the consequent want of sufficient room in the Hall in which, their sittings have been heretofore held, as well as by reason of the dilapidated and dangerous state of the building, it hath become necessary that a new Hall for the Sittings of the Assembly should be erected: 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 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 three persons to be Commissioners for carrying this Act into effect, and to remove the said Commissioners, or any of them, and to appoint others in their stead whenever need shall be.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Commissioners so appointed shall, as soon as may be possible, cause the Hall in which the Sittings of the Assembly are now held to be taken down, and shall dispose of the materials thereof for the purposes of this Act, in the manner they shall deem most advantageous for the public, and shall cause a new Hall of Assembly to be built on the site of the old Hall, and on the ground hereunto adjoining, according to the plan submitted to the Assembly and remaining in the office of their Clerk, (in the details of which Plan the said Commissioners may nevertheless make such alteration as shall to them appear expedient,) and shall cause the same to be built and all the work in the interior thereof or connected therewith to be performed by contract or under such arrangements as to them shall appear most expedient: Provided always that no such contract or arrangement shall be made unless the same shall have been submitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government and by him approved.

III. 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 to the said Commissioners from time to time by warrant under his hand and out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General, such sum or sums of money

not exceeding in the whole the sum of seven thousand pounds currency, as shall be necessary for carrying this Act into effect.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that there shall be allowed to the Commissioners by whom and under whose superintendence this Act shall have been carried into effect, and the said work performed, such sum as shall be sufficient to defray the expense of managing, conducting and superintending the same in the manner hereby required, which sum shall be ascertained by an account rendered in writing and sworn to by the said Commissioners, or one of them before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and such Justice is hereby required and empowered to administer the necessary oath: Provided always, that such sum shall in no case exceed the sum of three per cent on the sum so expended under the management, conduct, and superintendence of the said Commissioners.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall annually during the time they shall act as such, lay before the three branches of the Legislature within fifteen days after the opening of each Session of the Provincial Parliament, a detailed report of their proceedings as such Commissioners, and an account of the monies advanced to them and by them disbursed under the authority of this Act.

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 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.