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**An Act to establish Depots of Provisions for the relief of Shipwrecked Seamen. (21st March, 1836.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas it is expedient to establish Depots of Provisions for the relief of shipwrecked persons, in divers places on the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, under the care of persons, who shall in case of need, afford relief to Seamen in distress and other shipwrecked persons:—May it therefore please Your Majesty that if 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 the Depot heretofore established at Point des Monts [Pointe-des-Monts] under the Act of the second year of the Reign of His present Majesty, chapter twenty-eight, intituled, "An Act to appropriate certain sums of money for establishing a Depot of Provisions near Cape Chat, for the relief of shipwrecked persons, and for other purposes," shall be again re-established, as it was under the Act above cited; and that there shall also be established a new Depot of Provisions at Magdalen River; and further, that the four Depots of Provisions for the relief of shipwrecked persons, formerly established on the Island of Anticosti, shall be re-established.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that for the purposes of this Act, it shall be lawful for the person administering the Government of this Province, by Warrants under his hand, to pay out of the unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General, the following sums, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, during the present year only, that is to say;—Firstly—A sum not exceeding seventy-two pounds ten shillings, currency, for the purchase of provisions necessary for the Depot at Pointe des Monts.— Secondly—A sum not exceeding seventy-two pounds ten shillings, currency, for the purchase of provisions necessary for the Depot at the River of Magdeleine.—Thirdly—A sum not exceeding thirty-six pounds five shillings, currency, for the purchase of provisions necessary for the Depot at Heath Point, on the Island of Anticosti.—Fourthly—A sum not exceeding thirty-six pounds five shillings currency, for the purchase of provisions necessary for the Depth at the West End of the Island of Anticosti.—Fifthly—A sum not exceeding thirty-six pounds five shillings currency, for the purchase of provisions necessary for the Depot at the

South Point of the Island of Anticosti.—Sixthly— A sum not exceeding thirty-six pounds five shillings currency, for the purchase of provisions necessary for the Depot at Jupiter River, on the Island of Anticosti.— Seventhly—A sum not exceeding twenty-five pounds currency, for the Salary of the Keeper of the Depot at the River of La Magdeleine.—Eighthly—A sum not exceeding fifty pounds currency, for the Salary of the Keeper of the Depot at the West End of the Island of Anticosti.—Ninthly—A sum not exceeding fifty pounds currency, for the Salary of the Keeper of the Depot at Jupiter River, on the Island of Anticosti.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Keeper of the Depot at Magdalen River, the Keeper of the Depot at the West Point of the Island of Anticosti, and the Keeper of the Depot at Jupiter River on the Island of Anticosti, shall set up to the distance of twenty miles on each side of the said Depots, direction boards, each about five miles apart from the other, and on such parts of the coast where shipwrecks may be likely to occur, indicating the way and distance to the said Depots, the same to be performed under the directions of the Trinity Board at Quebec.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Keeper at each of the said Depots shall each keep a Register in which he shall make faithful entries of the names of all the persons to whom he shall have given relief; the times at which the same was given, the quantity of provisions furnished, the names of the vessels wrecked, and of the Masters of such vessels, the places at which the wrecks took place, and all such other particulars as shall be necessary to the full understanding of each case, of all which entries copies shall by such Keeper be laid before the three branches of the Legislature, within fifteen days after the opening of the then next Session thereof.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Keeper of such Depots shall faithfully apply the said provisions towards the relief of mariners in distress, and other persons shipwrecked on the said shores, 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.

VI. 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, showing 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 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.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that due application of the monies appropriated by this Act, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs or 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; 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 of the next Session thereof.