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6 William IV – Chapter 47

An Act to vest in His Majesty, the Property of Pierre Chasseur's Museum of Natural History, for Public benefit. (21st March, 1836.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas it is expedient to vest in His Majesty, for the benefit of the public, the property and possession of the Collection of subjects connected with the Natural History of the Canadas, made by Pierre Chasseur, for the encouragement of whom the Legislature of this Province has appropriated certain sums of money by the two Acts of the Provincial Legislature, hereinafter cited, and whereas the said Pierre Chasseur is desirous of discharging the debt due from him to the said Province by virtue of the said Acts: 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 so soon as the said Pierre Chasseur shall have conveyed to and arranged in proper order in the room over that which the sittings of the Assembly are held, the divers subjects of Natural History which compose his said Museum, as detailed in the Inventory of the subjects composing the said Museum, signed by the said Pierre Chasseur, and deposited in the hands of the Clerk of the Assembly, a full discharge and acquittal shall be granted to the said Pierre Chasseur for all the sums advanced to him and for which he may be still indebted to this Province, under an Act passed in the ninth year of the reign of George the Fourth, Chapter sixty seven, intituled "An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money for the encouragement of Pierre Chasseur in forming a Collection of subjects of Natural History of the Canadas," and of another Act of the tenth and eleventh years of Reign of George the Fourth, Chapter fifty-two, intituled, "An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money for the further encouragement of Pierre Chasseur," and such discharge shall be given to him by the Clerk of the Assembly who is hereby authorised to grant the same.

II. And whereas the carriage and arrangement of the said subjects composing the said Museum of Natural History, will occasion costs and expenses; Be it therefore further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, to issue his warrant in

favour of the said Clerk on the Receiver General of this Province, directing him to pay out of any unappropriated monies which now are or may hereafter come into his hands, a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, to enable the said Clerk to pay the expenses of the carriage of the said subjects and of arranging them in proper glazed cases in the room aforesaid, but no money shall be advanced for that purpose by the said Clerk, except in proportion as the work shall be actually performed.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that as soon as the subjects composing the said Museum of Natural History shall have been arranged as aforesaid, the same shall be open to the inspection of the public free of charge every day, (sundays, holidays and thursdays excepted) between the hours often o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, under such regulations shall be made in that respect by the Clerk of the Assembly, with the sanction of the Governor Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province: Provided always that the said Museum shall not be so opened to the public until after he shall have been put into perfect order, whereof the said Clerk shall give public notice in the Newspapers.

IV. 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 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.

V. 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; 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.