

*The Provincial Statutes of Lower-Canada, Being the fourth session of the of the Special Council, begun and holden at the City of Montreal, in the said Province of Lower Canada, fourteenth day of February, 1839.* Quebec: John Carleton Fisher & William Kemble, Law Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1839.

2 Victoria – Chapter 32 (Session 4)

**An Ordinance to provide for the subsistence of Volunteers and Militiamen who may have been, or may be wounded, and for that of the families of those who may have been, or may be killed, in certain cases hitherto unprovided for.**

Whereas it is equitable that the Widows and Families of such Militiamen, or men of any Volunteer Corps, raised by Her Majesty's command, in this Province, as may have been killed during the late unnatural Rebellion, or who may, at any future time, be killed, while in actual service, and also to provide the means of subsistence to such Militiamen and Volunteers as may have been, or may be, while serving as aforesaid, so wounded or maimed as to prevent their gaining a livelihood by their labour:—Be it therefore Ordained and Enacted by His Excellency the Governor of the Province of Lower Canada, by and with the advice and consent of the Special Council for the affairs of the said Province, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, " An Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada," and it is hereby Ordained and Enacted by the authority of the same, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, by Warrant under his hand, and out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General, to pay to the Widow, and if there be no Widow, then to the Children, or Child, and if there be neither Widow nor any Child, then to the Father or Mother of every such Volunteer or Militiaman who may have been or may be, so killed as aforesaid, while in actual service as such, a sum of money not less than twenty-five, nor more than one hundred pounds currency.

II. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that there shall be paid, out of any unappropriated monies which may be in the hands of the Receiver General, an annuity of eighteen pounds currency, to every such Volunteer or Militiaman, who, while serving as aforesaid, may have been, or may be, so wounded or maimed, as to be thereby rendered incapable of earning a livelihood by his labor; and such annuities shall be paid by the Adjutant General of Militia, in half yearly payments, on the first day of May and of November; and the Adjutant General of Militia shall, on the first day of April and of October, in each year, make out an estimate of the sum to be required to pay such annuities during the then next month; and the sum so estimated may thereupon be advanced to the Adjutant General, by warrant to the Receiver General, under the hand of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, for the time being.

III. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the claims of any person or persons, to any allowance or annuity, under the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be determined and decided upon in such manner, and by such officers or persons as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government may see fit, from time to time, to direct or appoint.

IV. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of any monies expended under the authority of this Ordinance shall be accounted for to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, through the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, in such manner and form as Her Majesty, her heirs or successors may be pleased to direct; and an account of such expenditure shall be laid before the Provincial Legislature during the then next Session thereof.

V. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Ordinance shall not be in force until it shall have been laid before Her Majesty, in Her Privy Council, nor until Her Majesty's assent thereto shall have been proclaimed in this Province.

J. COLBORNE.

Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, and passed in Special Council, under the Great Seal of the Province, at the Government House, in the City of Montreal, the Twenty-third day of March, in the second year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine.

By His Excellency's Command,  
W. B. LINDSAY,  
Clerk Special Council.