

## C A P. III.

AN ACT for the encouragement of persons who shall apprehend Deserters from His Majesty's regular Forces in this Province.

(2d. May, 1804.)

Preamble.

Persons &c. apprehending any Deserter and delivering him up to any commanding officer in this Province, to receive, upon a certificate thereof, a reward of £10.

WHEREAS from the local situation of this Province, some further provision than the general Laws of the Empire afford, is necessary for the encouragement of persons who apprehend Deserters: 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 after the passing of this Act, any Person or Persons, not being in His Majesty's regular Forces in this Province, who shall, apprehend any Deserter or Deserters from such regular Forces, and deliver up such Deserter or Deserters to any Officer commanding any military Post in this Province, shall for each and every such Deserter or Deserters so apprehended and delivered up, be entitled to and shall receive, in the manner herein after directed, a Reward of Ten Pounds, current money of this Province, upon producing a Certificate of such apprehension and delivery, specifying the name or names of such Deserter or Deserters, and to what Regiment or Corps he or they belong, signed by the Officer so commanding and by any Justice of the Peace for the District before whom such Deserter or Deserters shall be brought, which Certificate such Officer and Justice of the Peace are hereby authorized and required to grant.

To be paid out of the monies in the hands of any public officer.

The receipt of the said reward and the aforesaid certificate to be taken in discharge of so much of his account.

II. And in order to enable any Person or Persons entitled thereto, to receive the reward before mentioned with as much facility and at as little expence as circumstances will admit: Be it further enacted, that any public Officer holding monies levied under the authority of any Act of the Provincial Parliament of this Province, is hereby authorized and required to pay the reward before mentioned out of any such monies in his hands, and the Certificate aforesaid together with a receipt for the sum of the Person or Persons receiving such reward, certified by two witnesses, shall be received and taken in discharge of so much of the account of such public Officer as shall pay the same, and all money paid in manner aforesaid out of any Fund by Law appropriated shall be replaced to such Fund out of any unappropriated money remaining in the hands of the Receiver General of this Province.

III:

Continuance of  
this Act.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be in force during the present war, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer.

C A P. IV.

AN ACT to continue, for a limited time, the provisions of an Act passed in the forty first year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for the Relief of Insane persons, and for the support of Foundlings.*"

(2d. May, 1804.)

Preamble.

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and Representatives of Your People of Lower Canada, having taken into our most serious consideration the necessity of further continuing the provisions made by an Act passed in the forty first year of Your Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for the relief of Insane Persons, and for the support of Foundlings,*" which said Act provides for the securing and supporting such indigent persons as, from a temporary or lasting derangement of intellect, are incapable of earning their subsistence, for preventing the inhuman practice of exposing and deserting new born infants, and for granting aid and support to such Religious Communities as receive and maintain sick and infirm Persons and Foundlings, do 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 authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, to apply and appropriate a sum not exceeding One Thousand Pounds per annum, for the relief of such unfortunate persons as may, from derangement of intellect, be incapable of earning their sustenance, and for the maintenance of such new born infants as may be exposed or require protection, and for the aid and support of such Religious Communities as receive and administer relief to sick and infirm Persons and Foundlings; and the said sum herein appropriated shall be applied in such manner and under such regulations as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering

£1000 per Annum for the support of insane persons and foundlings.