

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 said Bridge, over the River Saint Charles, near Quebec, called, Dorchester Bridge, shall be, and is hereby vested in the present Proprietors thereof, their heirs and assigns, as Tenants in common, for ever, any thing in the said Letters Patent to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Dorchester bridge over the River St. Charles, vested in the Proprietors for ever.

His Majesty after the period of fifty years, may assume the possession and property of the said Bridge paying the value of the same.

II. Provided always, and it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that after the expiration of fifty years, from the date of the said Letters Patent, but not sooner, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, his heirs and successors, to assume the possession and property of the said Bridge, upon paying to the said Proprietors thereof, their heirs, executors, Curators or assigns, the value which the same may at the time of such assumption bear and be worth.

Letters Patent and the Act or Ordinance. 30. Geo. III. cap. 3. in force until the Bridge be assumed by His Majesty.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Letters Patent, and the above said Act or Ordinance, shall, in all and every respect, not hereby altered, be considered and taken to be of force and effect, until the said Bridge shall be assumed by His Majesty, His heirs and successors, in virtue of the Provision contained in this Act, and no longer.

### C A P. XI.

AN ACT for applying a certain Sum therein mentioned, to make good a like Sum, issued, and advanced in pursuance of an Address of the House of Assembly, and for the relief of Insane Persons, and for the support of Foundlings.

(14th April, 1808)

Preamble.

WHEREAS an humble Address of the House of Assembly, bearing date the eighth of April, one thousand eight hundred and seven, was presented to His Honor, the then President of this Province, praying, that he would be pleased, to order that a Sum, not exceeding twelve hundred Pounds, current money of this Province, be advanced out of any unappropriated monies in the hands, or which may come into the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, to be applied and employed, between that date and the first of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight, for the support of such unfortunate persons as may, from derangement of

of Intellect, be incapable of earning their subsistence, and towards the maintenance of such new born Infants, as may be inhumanly exposed and deserted, and require protection; as also, towards the relief of sick and infirm persons and towards the aid and support of such Religious Communities as receive and administer relief to persons of the above descriptions. And Whereas this House did promise to make good the same. Be it therefore 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 aforesaid, that out of any of the unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, there shall be issued and applied a Sum, not exceeding twelve hundred pounds, current money of this Province, to make good the sum or Sums, which may have been issued and paid in pursuance of the aforesaid Address of the House of Assembly.

£1200 granted to make good the like sum advanced in pursuance of an address of the House of Assembly.

After 1st day of April next, Governor empowered to apply and appropriate £200l. per annum towards the relief of insane persons &c.

Continuance of this Act.

Commissioners may bind out Foundlings as apprentices,

II. And Whereas it is highly expedient, to provide for the relief of Insane Persons and the support of Foundlings. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the first day of April next, it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, for the time being, out of any unappropriated monies in the hands or which may come into the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, arising under all or any of the Acts of the Provincial Parliament, to apply and appropriate a sum, not exceeding twelve hundred Pounds, per annum, towards the relief and support of such unfortunate persons as may, from derangement of Intellect, be incapable of earning their sustenance, and towards the maintenance of such new born Infants, as may be inhumanly exposed or deserted, and require protection; as also, towards the relief of sick and infirm Persons, and towards the aid and support of such Religious Communities as receive and administer relief to persons of the above descriptions; and the sum hereby appropriated, shall be applied in such manner, and under such regulations, as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government, shall judge most expedient for promoting the ends of this Act. Provided always, that the present Act shall continue and remain in force, until the first of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and no longer.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners who may be appointed for carrying this Act into execution, or any two of them, whenever any such Foundlings shall, in the judgement of said Commissioners, have attained a proper age, to bind them out, Apprentices, or from time

Such term of apprenticeship not to exceed the age of 21 years.

time to time to place them out, with such person or persons, and on such terms and conditions, as to such Commissioners or any two of them, shall be considered fit. Provided always, that the term of any such Apprenticeship, or of such placing out, shall not, in any case, exceed the age of twenty one years.

## C A P. XII.

AN ACT to authorise Eustache Nicolas Lambert Dumont, Esquire, to erect a Toll Bridge over the River Outaouais.

(14th April, 1808.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS the erection of a safe and convenient Bridge over that part of the River Outaouais, otherwise *des Prairies*, which separates the Island of Montreal from the Isle Jesus, in the County of Effingham, in the Parish of Saint Martin, would be advantageous for the intercourse of the Inhabitants of the neighbouring Parishes, and of the Public in general. And Whereas Eustache Nicolas Lambert Dumont, of the river Duchêne, in the said County of Effingham, Esquire, hath, by his Petition to this effect, prayed for leave to erect a Toll Bridge, over that part of the said river Outaouais, otherwise *des Prairies*, from the place commonly called l'Abord des Ploufs, in the Island of Montreal, to the Parish of Saint Martin, in the said Isle Jesus, in the narrowest part of the said river Outaouais, or *des Prairies*, whereby there will be at all times a safe and commodious intercourse between the said Island of Montreal and the Isle Jesus: 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 it shall and may be lawful for the said Eustache Nicolas Lambert Dumont, and he is hereby authorised, to erect and build a good and substantial Bridge, at his own costs and charges, over the said River Outaouais or *des Prairies*, from the bank or shore of the Parish of Saint Martin, in the Isle Jesus, to the opposite side in the Island of Montreal, at such place or places as the said Eustache Nicolas Lambert Dumont shall find most suitable and best adapted to this object; and to erect and build one or two Toll Houses and one or two Turnpikes, with other dependencies, upon or near the said Bridge; and also to do, perform and execute all other matters and things, requisite, necessary, useful and convenient for erecting, building, maintaining and upholding the said intended Bridge, Toll Houses, Turnpikes and other dependencies.

Eustache Nicolas Lambert Dumont authorised to build a Bridge over the River Outaouais from the Isle of Jesus to the Island of Montreal.