

C A P. XXI.

AN ACT for applying two several sums of money for the purposes therein mentioned and for altering the appropriations made by an Act of the fifty first year of His Majesty, chapter first, and extending the duration thereof.

(19th May, 1812.)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

Preamble.

WHEREAS your Majesty's faithful Commons of Lower-Canada, having taken into their serious consideration that part of the speech delivered to both houses of the Legislature at the opening of the present Session, which recommends the granting of such aid as the exigencies of the times might require, and that they have resolved freely to grant unto your Majesty, to be applied towards making preparations for the defence of the province in the case where the governor of this Province shall conceive it menaced with invasion, the sum of twenty thousand pounds and the further sum of thirty thousand pounds, towards the defence thereof in case of war with the neighbouring States, and that it is necessary to provide for the same. And whereas an Act was passed in the last Session of the Legislature of this province, and in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, "*An Act to continue for a limited time the levying of the duties imposed by the Provincial Act of the forty fifth year of His Majesty George the third. chapter thirteenth, and for applying a certain sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned*" 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 the 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 Governor, Lieutenant Governor or the person administering the government for the time being, by warrant or warrants under his hand and seal, directed to the Receiver General of this Province, to issue from out of any unappropriated monies which now are or hereafter may be in the hands of the said Receiver General, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand pounds currency, to be employed for such services as the safety of the Province and the exigence of the times may require, in the case where the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or the person administering the government might conceive it threatened with an invasion; and a further sum of thirty thousand pounds currency, to be employed in case of a war between Great Britain and the United States of America, or in case of an invasion of this Province.

£20000 granted to the Governor. for defence of the province.

£30000 more in case of war with America.

Governor empowered to take as much money as may complete the several sums granted by this Act.

II. And whereas the said unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, might be found insufficient to complete the sums above mentioned; Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the government for the time being to take out of the monies which now are or hereafter may be in the hands of the said Receiver General, by virtue of the Act of the fifty-first year of His Majesty, herein before recited, so much as shall be necessary to complete the aforesaid sums of twenty thousand pounds and thirty thousand pounds agreeable to the meaning of the present Act and conformable thereto.

So much of Act 51 Geo III, as is not altered by this Act, continued.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that so much of the said Act of the fifty-first of His Majesty, herein before recited as is not altered by this Act and which would otherwise expire and cease to be in force on the twenty-fifth March one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, shall continue to be in force to the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and fourteen and no longer, and that the duties and each and every of them imposed by said Act shall continue to be levied and collected under the rules, restrictions and regulations contained in said Act. Provided always that the surplus if, any of such monies so to be levied and collected, shall remain in the hands of the Receiver General for the time being, for the future disposal of the Legislature.

Proviso.

Continuance of the powers granted to the Governor to a certain period.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the powers hereby granted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the government for the time being for the application of the said sums, shall continue to be in force until the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirteen and no longer, and if at that period circumstances should not have been such as to require the application of the said sums either in the whole or in part, agreeable to the true intent and meaning of the present Act, in that case the said sums or such parts thereof which have not been so employed, shall remain for the future disposition of the Legislature of this Province.

Application of the money to be accounted for to His Majesty.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the said monies pursuant to the directions of this Act, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, his heirs and successors through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in such manner and form as His Majesty shall direct.