

“ mentioned, to provide Temporary Houses of Correction in the several Districts of this Province,” have incurred a debt for the necessary maintenance and support of the said House of Correction, of the sum of four hundred and twenty pounds, one shilling and nine-pence, current money; 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 of the same, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, by a Warrant or Warrants under his hand and seal, to cause to be paid out of the unappropriated monies which now are, or at any time hereafter may be in the hands of the Receiver General of the Province, to the said Commissioners for superintending the Temporary House of Correction for the District of Montreal, or to any one of them heretofore appointed, under and in virtue of the aforesaid Act of the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty’s Reign, the said sum of four hundred and twenty pounds, one shilling and nine-pence, current money of this Province, for the purposes above-mentioned, and so as aforesaid remaining due.

£420 19 granted for the temporary House of Correction at Montreal.

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

II. 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, His Heirs and Successors shall direct.

C A P. XXII.

An Act to appropriate a certain Lot of Ground in the City of Montréal for the Site of a Public Library, and to incorporate certain Persons therein-mentioned.

(24th April, 1819.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS George Auldjo, John Brown, Jean Bouthillier, John Boston, Louisa Caldwell, Isaac Winslow Clarke, Austin Cuvillier, François Desrivières,

rivières, James M'Gill Desrivières, François Antoine Larocque, Pierre Dominique Debartzch, David David, Saveuse de Beaujeu, Frederick William Ermatinger, the Heirs of the late Pierre Fortier, Robert Froste, John Forsyth, John Fleming, Henry Graffete, Robert Griffin, Henry Griffin, Samuel Gale, John Gray, Margaret Gray, George Gregory, Louis Guy, Samuel Gerrard, Benaiah Gibb, Geo. Garden, William Hallowell, Alexander Henry, Sir John Johnson, Baronet, John Jameison, John Lilly, James Leslie, Juliana Langan, Jean Marie Mondelet, John Molson, Henry M'Kenzie, Thomas M'Cord, John M'Tavish, Peter M'Cutcheon, James Monk, William M'Gillivray, Archibald Normand M'Leod, George Mofatt, Isaac Ogden, John Ogilvy, the Heirs of the late George Platt, the Heirs of the late Pierre Louis Panet, Louis Joseph Papineau, Andrew Porteous, Turton Penn, Joseph Perrault, Frederic Auguste Quésnel, David Ross, John Richardson, James Reid; the Heirs of the late John Rowand, Alexander Skakel, William Stephens, George Selby, John Stansfeld, Stephen Sewell, Charles Tait, Alexander Thain, Jasper Tough, Thomas Thain, Thomas Wilson, James Woolrich, and Arthur Webster, Directors and Proprietors of the Montreal Library, have by their petition prayed that a portion of the ground at present occupied for the use of the Court House in the City of Montreal, be granted to them for the erection of a Public Library thereupon, to be built at their own expence, and whereas it is expedient that Institutions intended to promote and disseminate knowledge should be encouraged and assisted; 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 of the same, that from and out of the lot of ground appropriated and occupied for the use of the Court House in the said City of Montreal, and from the North-West angle of the said lot, a lot or emplacement of fifty feet French measure in front, by eighty-nine feet like measure in depth, shall be and the same is hereby appropriated and allotted for the site of a Public Library and for no other purpose whatsoever.

A lot of ground appropriated for a public Library.

Lot of ground and public Library when built, vested in the proprietors.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Lot of Ground herein-before appropriated and allotted, and the said Public Library intended to be thereupon built, shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the persons herein-before named, their Heirs, Representatives and Assigns for ever, who are hereby made and declared to be a Corporation under the name of the "Company of Proprietors of The Montreal Library," for the special purpose of being capable to take and hold in perpetual succession, the above-mentioned lot of ground for the purposes aforesaid.

III

Proprietors to
make Bye Laws.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Company shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at any meeting assembled for the purpose, after at least two weeks previous notification to that effect, herein after-mentioned, in some one of the news-papers printed and published at the City of Montreal, make and establish such Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations for the good Government of the said Montreal Library as the majority of the Proprietors there present shall deem expedient; which said Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations until the same are repealed, altered, or amended, shall thereafter take effect and be binding upon the said Company. Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained nor any Bye-Law, Rule or Regulation, that may hereafter be made in pursuance of the same, shall, in any manner or way extend or be construed to extend to authorize any Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Library or of the building so as aforesaid, intended to be erected on the ground by this Act allotted and appropriated for the said Library, to sell or dispose of his, her or their share, or shares in the said Library, and in the said building, otherwise than by selling or transferring his or their interest or interests in the shares which such Proprietor or Proprietors may hold in the said Montreal Library and building to be therefor erected, which shares are hereby made and declared to be transferable and assignable.

Proprietors not
to dispose of their
Shares, in the
lot or building,
otherwise than by
selling their in-
terests in the said
shares.

Public Libra-
ry to be built
within five years.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the above named Proprietors of the said Montreal Library, to entitle them to the lot of ground herein-before appropriated for a public Library as aforesaid, and to the benefit of this Act, shall cause the aforesaid intended Public Library to be built, erected and completed within five years from and after the passing of this Act, and in default so to do, the persons herein-before named, or their Heirs, Successors or Assigns shall, to all intents and purposes cease to be a Corporation, as they are herein-before declared to be.

Prothonotaries
disseized of the
said lot of ground.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Prothonotaries of the Court of King's Bench for the District of Montreal shall be, and they are hereby disseized and divested of so much of the aforesaid lot of ground appertaining to the Court-House in the said City of Montreal, as is by this Act vested in the aforesaid Proprietors of the Montreal Library for the purposes of this Act, any Law or Ordinance to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.