

missioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors shall be pleased to direct.

Limitation of Actions.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any action or actions, suit or suits, shall at any time be brought against any person or persons for any thing in contravention or disobedience to this Act, the same shall be commenced within three months next after the commission of the offence, and not afterwards.

Continuance of this Act.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and remain in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and no longer.

C A P. VII.

AN Act to appropriate a certain Sum of Money therein-mentioned, for the Relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants from the United Kingdom.

(22d March, 1823.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to appropriate a Sum of Money for the Relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants from the United Kingdom, until permanent Establishments for the Relief of the Indigent Sick of all denominations can be made in addition to those which already exist. 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 from and after the passing of this Act; it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, by a Warrant or Warrants under his hand, to advance from and out of any unappropriated funds in the hands of the Receiver-General of the Province, during the present year, one thousand

\$750 granted for the relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants in the

City of Quebec, to be placed in the hands of the Justices of the Peace resident in Quebec, to form an establishment for their relief.

thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, for the relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants in the City of Quebec, a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty pounds, currency, to be placed in the hands of the Justices of the Peace residing in the aforesaid City of Quebec, and to be by them specially employed for the purposes of this Act, and in and about such Establishment intended for the Relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants from the United Kingdom as may be, or be placed under the Superintendance of such Justices of the Peace; that is to say, in furnishing subsistence for Indigent Sick Emigrants in such Establishments, for procuring beds and bedsteads, blankets and sheets for their use, for house rent, fuel, hire of stoves, wages to a steward, matron, female servants and attendants and their subsistence, for washing, candles, medicines, necessary house utensils, stationery and so forth.

Justices of the Peace may give access to Physicians, Surgeons and their pupils, desirous of affording professional relief or attendance GRATIS to such Indigent sick Emigrants.

II. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the aforesaid Justices of the Peace to give free access at all reasonable times and hours to all practising physicians and surgeons and to their pupils or students desiring to see, give or afford *gratis*, professional relief or attendance to any Indigent Sick Emigrant who may be in any such Establishment, under the superintendance of such Justices of the Peace.

Justices of the Peace empowered to make temporary regulations for the benefit of the Establishment.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the aforesaid Justices of the Peace shall have power and authority to make from time to time during the present year, such temporary regulations for the benefit of such Establishment as aforesaid and for the admission or assistance of the Indigent Sick, requiring medical or surgical aid, as to them may upon consulting the practising physicians in the aforesaid City of Quebec, in the practice of attending such establishment, or any three of them appear expedient; Provided always that such temporary regulations shall be and remain in force until the end of the next Session of the Provincial Legislature and no longer.

Duration of the Regulations.

Justices of the Peace charged with the execution of this Act, to make out a statement, in English and French, of the expenditure of the monies appropriated by this Act, to the several Branches of the Legislature.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Justices of the Peace under whose direction and superintendance the money by this Act appropriated, shall be laid out and expended, shall in the course of fifteen days from the opening of the next Session of the Legislature, lay before the three Branches thereof, in the English and French Languages, a detailed and full statement of the manner in which such money shall have been laid out, and expended.

Expenditure of the monies to be accounted for to His Majesty.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the money appropriated by this Act, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His heirs

heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being in such manner and form as His Majesty, His heirs and Successors shall direct.

C A P. VIII.

AN Act to provide further Regulation concerning the Inspection and Packing of Beef and Pork, intended for Exportation.

(22d March, 1823.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make further provision with respect to the curing, packing and Inspection of Beef and Pork to be exported from this Province, than hath heretofore been made; 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 after the thirty-first day of December next, every barrel in which beef or pork shall be packed or repacked for exportation from this Province, shall not exceed in contents twenty-eight gallons, wine measure, and shall be of the contents aforesaid as nearly as can be, nor shall any salted or pickled Beef or Pork be exported or shipped for exportation, after the period aforesaid, in casks exceeding in contents the quantity of gallons above specified, under the penalty of seizure and forfeiture, as provided in the seventeenth section of an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty, George the Third, intituled, "An Act to regulate the curing, packing and Inspection of Beef and Pork to be exported from the Province of Lower-Canada."

After the 31st of December next, barrels in which Beef and Pork packed or repacked for exportation, to be of certain dimensions, subject to the penalty provided by Act 44, Geo. III. cap. 9

Bung holes in future to be made on the sides of the barrels, and the pressing or packing to be done with a screw.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the bung holes which it may be necessary to make in barrels containing salted Beef or Pork intended for exportation, pursuant to this Act, shall, instead of being made in the head of the barrel as heretofore, be made on the side or bilge thereof, and that the packing or pressing of the meat instead of being done as heretofore, shall be done with a screw for the purpose.

III.