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An Act for the Relief of Insane Persons and for the Support of Foundlings. (8th April, 1801)

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 that part of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, regarding the provision necessary to be made, for the securing and supporting Such Indigent Persons, as from a temporary or lasting derangement of intellect, are incapable of earning their subsistence, and regarding the means to be employed to prevent the inhuman practice of exposing and deserting new born infants; and having also considered the necessity of 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 the content 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 until further and more effectual Provision can be made, for the purposes aforesaid, 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 His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government for the time being, shall judge most expedient, for promoting the ends of this Act. Provided always, that the present Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of January in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament and no longer.