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44 George III – Chapter 3

An Act for the encouragement of the persons who shall apprehend Deserters from His Majesty's regular Forces in this Province. (2d. May, 1804.)

Whereas from the local situation of this Province, some further provision than the general Law of the Empire afford, is necessary for the encouragement of persons who apprehend Deserters; 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, any Person or Persons, not being in His Majesty's regular Forces in this Province, who shall, apprehend any Deserter or Deserters from such regular Forces, and deliver up such Deserter or Deserters to any Officer commanding any military Post in this Province, shall for each and every such Deserters or Deserters so apprehended and delivered up, be entitled to and shall receive, in the matter herein after directed, a Reward of Ten Pounds, current money of this Province, upon producing a Certificate of such apprehension and delivery, specifying the name or names of such Deserter or Deserters, and to what Regiment or Corps he or they belong, signed by the Officer so commanding and by any Justice of the Peace for the District before whom such Deserter or Deserters shall be brought, which Certificate such Officer and Justice of the Peace are hereby authorized and required to grant.

II. And in order to enable any Person or Persons entitled thereunto, to receive the reward before mentioned with as much facility and at as little expence as circumstances will admit: Be it therefore enacted, that any public Officer holding monies levied under the authority of any Act of the Provincial Parliament of this Province, is hereby authorized and required to pay the reward before mentioned out of any such monies in his or her hands, and the Certificate aforesaid together with a receipt for the sum of the Person or Persons receiving such reward, certified by two witnesses, shall be received and taken in discharge of so much of the account of such public Officer as shall pay the same, and all money paid in manner aforesaid out of any Fund by Law appropriated shall be replaced to such Fund out of any unappropriated money remaining in the hands of the Receiver General of this Province.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be in force during the present war, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer.