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An Act to continue, for a limited time, the provisions of an Act passed in the forty first year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insane persons, and for the support of Foundlings." (2d. May, 1804.)

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and Representatives of Your People of Lower Canada, having taken into your most serious consideration the necessity of further continuing the provisions made by an Act passed in the forty first year of Your Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the relief of Insane Persons, and for the support of Foundlings," which said Act provides for the securing and supporting such indigent persons as, from a temporary or lasting derangement of intellect, are incapable of earning their subsistence, for preventing the inhuman practice of exposing and deserting new born infants, and for 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 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 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 the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government shall judge most expedient for promoting the ends of this Act. Provided always, that the present Act shall continue and remain in force until the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer.