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An Act for applying a certain Sum therein mentioned, to make good a like Sum, issued, and advanced in pursuance of an Address of the House of Assembly, and for the relief of Insane Persons, and for the support of Foundlings. (14th April, 1808.)

Whereas an humble Address of the House of Assembly, bearing date the eighth of April, one thousand eight hundred and seven, was presented to His Honor, the then President of this Province, praying, that he would be pleased, to order that a Sum, not exceeding twelve hundred Pounds, current money of this Province, be advanced out of any unappropriated monies in the hands, of winch may come into the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, to be applied and employed, between that date and the first of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight, for the support of such unfortunate persons as may, from derangement of Intellect, be incapable of earning their subsistance, and towards the maintenance of such new born Infants, as may be inhumanly exposed and deserted, and require protection; as also, towards the relief of sick and infirm persons and towards the aid and support of such Religious Communities as receive and administer relief to persons of the above descriptions. And Whereas this House did promise to make good the same, 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 for make further provision for the Government of the said Province," and it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, that out of any of the unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, there shall be issued and applied a Sum, not exceeding twelve hundred pounds, current money of this Province, to make good the sum or Sums, which may have been issued and paid in pursuance of the aforesaid Address of the House of Assembly.

II. And Whereas it is highly expedient, to provide for the relief of Insane Persons and the support of Foundlings. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the first day of April next, it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, for the time being, out of any unappropriated monies in the hands or which may come into the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, arising under all or any of the Acts of the Provincial Parliament, to apply and appropriate a sum, not exceeding twelve hundred Pounds, per annum, towards the relief and support of such unfortunate persons as may, from derangement of Intellect, be incapable of earning their sustenance, and towards the maintenance of such new born Infants, as may be inhumanly exposed or deserted, and

require protection; as also, towards the relief of sick and infirm Persons, and towards the aid and support of such Religious Communities as receive and administer relief to persons of the above descriptions; and the sum hereby 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 of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and no longer.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners who may be appointed for carrying this Act into execution, or any two of them, whenever any such Foundlings shall, in the judgement of said Commissioners, have attained a proper age, to bind them out, Apprentices, or from time to time to place them out, with such person or persons, and on such term and conditions, as to such Commissioners or any two of them, shall be considered fit. Provided always, that the term of any such Apprenticeship, or of such placing out, shall not, in any case, exceed the age of twenty one years.