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48 George III – Chapter 9

**An Act to provide a temporary Gaol for the District of Montreal. (14th April, 1808.)**

Whereas in and by an Act made and passed in the forty fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to provide for the erecting of a Common Gaol, in each of the Districts of Quebec and Montreal, respectively, and the means for defraying the expences thereof," It is amongst other things enacted, that the Commissioners to be appointed by virtue of the said Act, or any two of them, in each of the said Districts respectively, shall cause to be erected and finished, be strong and substantial Common Gaol, on the Lots of Ground in the said Cities of Quebec and Montreal, respectively, belonging to His Majesty, and intended to be appropriated by His Majesty for that purpose. And Whereas the said new Common Gaol for the District of Montreal, is about to be erected upon the scite of the present Gaol, for the said District of Montreal, and it is therefore necessary to provide a temporary Gaol for the said District of Montreal. 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 it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Sheriff of the said District of Montreal, to remove the Prisoners in the said present Gaol being, to such place or places, House or Houses, Building or Buildings, within the said District of Montreal, as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, by warrant under his Hand and Seal at Arms, shall appoint for the reception and confinement of Prisoners, until the said new Common Gaol shall be erected and finished; and that such Place or Places, House or Houses, Building or Buildings, so appointed, shall be and be deemed and held to be the Common Gaol of, and for the said District of Montreal, until the said new Common Gaol shall be erected and finished, and the Prisoners there in custody, be thereunto removed, under the directions for that purpose given in and by the above in part recited Act.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that 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, to defray the expence to be incurred, under and by virtue of this Act, out of any Monies arising from the rates and duties imposed and payable under and by virtue of the said Act, intituled, "An Act to provide for the erecting of a Common Gaol, in each of the Districts of Quebec and Montreal, respectively, and the means for defraying the expences thereof," which shall come to the hands of the Receiver General of this Province;

and the due application of such Sum or Sums of Money, as may be required for defraying such expences as aforesaid, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, his 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 or successors shall be pleased to direct.