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55 George III – Chapter 10

**An Act to grant an annuity to such Militia-men as were wounded during the late war with the United States of America, and to apply a sum of money therein mentioned, to aid and assist His Majesty in defraying the expenses of the Militia incurred during the said War, and also to indemnify certain Officers of Militia and the Families of such Militiamen as were killed in the said war. (25th March, 1815.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas Your Majesty's dutiful and Loyal subjects, the Commons of Lower Canada, have taken into their serious consideration, the expenses incurred by Your Majesty for Militia service during the late war with the United States of America, and that it is just to indemnify the Officers of the Militia, who served during the said war, for the losses sustained by them in consequence of the unforeseen disbanding of the Embodied Militia, and to indemnify the Militia-men, who were wounded and the Families of those who were killed during the said war, May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enabled 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, every non-commissioned Officer, Militia-man or Canadian Voltigeur, who during the late war with the United States of America, was so wounded or maimed as to be thereby rendered incapable of earning a livelihood, shall have an Annuity of six pounds, currency, over and above the annuity of nine pounds, currency, allowed under the Act passed in the Forty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the better regulation of the Militia of this Province and for repealing certain Acts or Ordinances therein mentioned," which annuities shall be paid out of the unappropriated Funds at the disposition of the Legislature, and shall be paid, to every such Militia-man in half yearly payments, that is to say, on the first days of the month of May and November in each and every year, by the Adjutant General of the Militia, who upon the first days of the months of April and October in each and every year shall make an estimate of the sum which will be necessary for the paying of the said annuities, and upon such estimate the sum required for paying during the month following the annuities due for the preceding half year shall be paid into the hands of the said Adjutant-General of the Militia, by Warrant or Warrants under the hand and seal of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, directed to the Receiver General of this Province.

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, by a Warrant or Warrants under his hand and seal directed to the Receiver General of this Province, to take out of the monies which shall be hereafter raised, levied and collected, under an Act passed in the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, intituled, "An Act to grant to His Majesty, new duties to supply the wants of the Province," and under another Act passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to grant to His Majesty certain additional Duties towards supplying the wants of the Province," and continued by another Act passed in the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the Fifty third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to grant to His Majesty certain additional Duties towards applying the wants of the Province,'" and which by the said Acts are reserved for the future disposition of the Provincial Parliament, the sum of twenty thousand pounds, currency, to aid and assist His Majesty to indemnify the Officers of the Embodied Militia and of the Corps of Canadian Voltigeurs, not being officers in His Majesty's Regular Forces, and who served at the date of the ratification of Peace with the United States of America, for the loss which they have sustained through the sudden and unforeseen disbanding of those Corps, by granting to each of the said officers, eighty days pay, and also to indemnify the families of such officers and Militia-men of the said Corps as were killed during the said war, by granting to the widow, and if there be no widow, then to the children, and if there be no widow nor any children, then to the father or mother of every such Militia-man, a sum of money not less than twenty-five pounds, currency, nor exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, and the residue of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds, currency, shall be applied to aid and assist His Majesty in defraying the expenses of the Militia incurred during the late war with the United States of America.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that there shall be nominated and appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, three Commissioners for the purpose of determining who are the persons entitled to the indemnifications aforesaid, and of determining also the quantum of such indemnifications according to the intent and meaning of this Act, which Commissioners immediately upon their appointment, shall cause to be laid before them, a correct return of the Militia-men or Canadian Voltigeurs who were killed, and shall give notice by advertisement in the Quebec Gazette, and in one of the Public Papers published in the District of Montreal, to the Families of all Militia-men of the said Embodied Militia and Corps of Canadian Voltigeurs who were killed, to give in the names of the widow, those of the children, and of the father and mother, with affidavits of the lots by the families of such Militia-men or Canadian Voltigeurs so killed, sustained, in consequence of their Death, which Commissioner shall make Oath before any one of the Justices of the Court of King's Bench, as follows: "I, A. B. do make Oath, that to the best of my ability and knowledge I will without partiality or favor, execute the duties of a Commissioner according to the true intent and meaning of an Act passed in in the Fifty-fifth year of His Majesty Reign, intituled, 'An Act to grant an annuity to such Militia-men as were wounded during the late war with the United States of America, and to apply a sum of money therein mentioned, to aid and assist His Majesty in defraying the expenses of the Militia incurred during the said war, and also to indemnify certain Officer of Militia, and the families of such Militia-men as were killed in the said war;" which Commissioners may and they are hereby authorized under the present Act to require the attendance before them of all persons claiming indemnification under this Act, and also the attendance of witnesses in support of such claims, and to hear the said persons and witnesses upon oath, which oath they are hereby empowered to administer, and the said

Commissioners shall report their proceedings under this Act, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, and to both Houses of the Provincial Parliament.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the said monies agreeably to the directions of this Act, 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 and Successors shall direct.