

The Provincial Statutes of Lower-Canada, Being the first session of the ninth Provincial Parliament of Lower-Canada. Quebec: P. E. Desbarats, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1817.

57 George III – Chapter 11

An Act to make good a certain Sum of Money therein mentioned, advanced for the relief of certain Country Parishes in distress, owing to the failure of the late harvest. (8th March, 1817.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas in several Parishes of the District of Quebec there prevails a severe famine, occasioned by the total failure of the harvest last year, whereby a great number of persons have been reduced to an extremity of distress, which it has not been in the power of those Parishes adequately to relieve, and which would have rendered inevitable the danger of perishing through hunger, had not relief been afforded them by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to the amount of fourteen thousand two hundred and sixteen Pounds, current money of this Province; And whereas it is necessary to make good the amount supplied by order of the Governor in Chief for the relief of the distressed Parishes; wherefore we, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Lower-Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, 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 out of the unappropriated monies, at present in the hands of the Receiver-General, or which may hereafter come into his hands, there shall be taken and applied the sum of fourteen thousand two hundred and sixteen Pounds, current money of this Province, to make good a like sum, which has heretofore been taken and applied for the purposes aforesaid, by order of the Governor in Chief.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the application of the aforesaid sum of fourteen thousand two hundred and sixteen Pounds, current money of this Province, 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 the Crown shall direct.