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1 George IV – Chapter 18

**An Act to reimburse a certain sum of Money therein-mentioned, to His Majesty's Government, and to make further provision for the relief of Insane Persons and for the support of Foundlings and others therein-mentioned. (17th March, 1821.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas it is expedient that the sum of six thousand seven hundred pounds, two shillings and five pence half penny, currency, advanced by Your Majesty's Government in this Province and by the Government of your Royal Father our late Most Gracious Sovereign, Lord George the Third, of glorious memory, in the years one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and one thousand eight hundred and twenty, for the support of Insane Persons, and of Foundlings, in the Districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three-Rivers [Trois-Rivières], should be reimbursed, We therefore 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, 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 the said sum of six thousand seven hundred pounds, two shillings and five pence half penny, currency, so as aforesaid advanced for the support of Insane persons and of Foundlings, in the Districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three-Rivers, shall be and the same is hereby authorised to be reimbursed to His Majesty's Government, from and out of and shall be charged against the unappropriated monies that now are or that hereafter may come into the hands of the Receiver-General of this Province.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that out of the unappropriated monies that now are or that may hereafter come into the hands of the Receiver General of the Province, it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person Administering the Government of the Province for the time being, to advance for the relief of Insane persons and for the support of Foundlings, and 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 description, for the present year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, the following sums, that is to say, for the District of Quebec, a sum not exceeding two thousands and thirty pounds, currency; for the District of Montreal, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred pounds, currency, and for the District of Three Rivers, a sum not exceeding five hundred sixty-seven pounds, currency; also a sum not exceeding three hundred and thirty-six pounds, currency, for completing the necessary and indispensable repairs and

improvements to the cells for the reception and relief of Insane persons, and the General Hospital, near Quebec.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners appointed for carrying this Act into effect, or any two of them, whenever any such Foundlings shall in the judgment of such 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 terms 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 time of service, shall not in any case exceed the age of twenty-one years.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the application of the monies appropriated in virtue 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.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Commissioners for carrying this Act into effect, shall in the course of fifteen days after the opening of the ensuing Session of the Legislature of this Province, lay before the three branches thereof, a detailed statement or account in the English and French languages, of the expenditure of the monies to be advanced in virtue of this Act.