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2 George IV – Chapter 12

**An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money therein-mentioned for the relief of Insane Persons and for the support of Foundlings. (18th February, 1822.)**

Whereas it is expedient to appropriate a sum of money for the relief of Insane Persons and for the support of Foundlings for the present year, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two; 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 out of the unappropriated monies which now are or hereafter may 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, by a Warrant or Warrants under his hand 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-two, the following sums, that is to say; for the District of Quebec, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred pounds, currency, for the District of Montreal, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred Pounds, currency, and for the District of Three-Rivers [Trois-Rivières], a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds, currency.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to be appointed for carrying this Act into effect, or any two of them, whenever any such Foundlings shall, in the judgment of the Commissioners, have attained a proper age, to bind them out apprentices, or from time to time to place them 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.

III. 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.

IV. 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, the expenditure of the monies to be advanced in virtue of this Act.