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**An Act to appropriate a certain Sum of Money therein mentioned for the relief of Insane, Invalid and Infirm Persons, and towards the support of Foundlings. (22d. March, 1823.)**

Whereas it is expedient that Several Sums of Money be appropriated as well to defray the Balance of the expences incurred for the relief of Insane and Infirm persons and Invalids, and for the support of Foundlings, to the thirty-first day of October last, as for the year commenced the first day of November last and to end the thirty-first day of October in the present year, one thousand, eight hundred and twenty-three, 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 that hereafter may come into the hands of the Receiver General of this 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 Infirm and Invalid Persons and towards the aid and support of such Religious Communities, as receive and administer relief to Persons of the above description, to cover the arrears remaining due upon the last year, and to meet the expenses of the present year, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, the following sums, that is to say, in and for the District of Quebec, a sum not exceeding six hundred and sixty-eight Pounds, seven shillings and ten pence, currency; to defray the Balance of expences incurred by the Commissioners for the support of Insane persons and Foundlings up to the thirty-first day of October, one thousand, eight hundred and twenty-two, and for the present year the several sums herein after mentioned, that is to say, a further sum not exceeding seventeen hundred and two Pounds, ten Shillings, currency, for the support of Foundlings and other contingent expenses in that behalf, and a further sum not exceeding six hundred and fifteen pounds, currency, to defray the expenses of Insane Persons, in care of the General Hospital, near Quebec, and a further sum not exceeding six hundred and fifty pounds, currency, for the boarding of Invalids and Infirm persons in the General Hospital aforesaid, making in the whole a sum not exceeding three thousand six hundred and thirty-five pounds, seventeen shillings and ten pence, currency, for the aforesaid District of Quebec; and for the District of Montreal for and towards the support of Insane persons, foundlings and infirm and sick persons, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred pounds, currency; and for the District of Three-Rivers [Trois-Rivières], for the purposes last above-mentioned, a sum not exceeding four hundred and fifty pounds, currency, making a sum total for the three Districts aforesaid, not exceeding five thousand five hundred and eighty five pounds, seventeen shillings and ten pence, current money of this Province.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, for the time being, to appoint such and so many Commissioners for the purposes of this Act, as he shall deem expedient.

III. 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.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all foundlings who heretofore have been, or that actually are under the care of Commissioners thereunto Commissioners appointed in virtue of any Act or Acts of the Legislature of this Province, or who shall be under the care of such Commissioners as may be appointed under this or any foundlings, and other subsequent Act of the Legislature of this Province, shall, unless it be otherwise provided by such Act, be, and remain during their nonage or minority under the Tutelle of such Commissioners, who it is hereby declared and provided, shall, unless where Tutors are specially appointed to such foundlings in the due and ordinary course of Law to all legal intents and purposes, have and may exercise the same authority over such foundlings respectively during their minority as a Tutor or Tutors lawfully appointed for the purpose might have and exercise over such foundlings.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due 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 be pleased to direct.

VI. 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 money 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.