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An Act to appropriate a certain Sum of Money therein-mentioned; for the Relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants from the United Kingdom. (22d March, 1823.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas it is expedient to appropriate a Sum of Money for the Relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants from the United Kingdom, until permanent Establishments for the Relief of the Indigent Sick of all denominations can be made in addition to those which already exist. May it therefore please 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 from and after the passing of this Act, 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 from and out of any unappropriated funds in the hands of the Receiver-General of the Province, during the present year, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, for the relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants in the City of Quebec, a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty pounds, currency, to be placed in the hands of the Justices of the Peace residing in the aforesaid City of Quebec, and to be by them specially employed for the purposes of this Act, and in and about such Establishment intended for the Relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants from the United Kingdom as may be, or be placed under the Superintendance of such Justices of the Peace; that is to say, in furnishing subsistence for Indigent Sick Emigrants in such Establishments, for procuring beds and bedsteads, blankets and sheets for their use, for house rent, fuel, hire of stoves, wages to a steward, matron, female servants and attendants and their subsistence, for washing, candles, medicines, necessary house utensils, stationery and so forth.

II. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the aforesaid Justices of the Peace to give free access at all reasonable times and hours to all practising physicians and surgeons and to their pupils or students desiring to see, give or afford gratis, professional relief or attendance to any Indigent Sick Emigrant who may be in any such Establishment, under the emigrants superintendance of such Justices of the Peace.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the aforesaid Justices of the Peace shall have power and authority to make from time to time during the present year, such temporary regulations for the benefit of such Establishment as aforesaid and for the admission or assistance of the Indigent Sick, requiring medical or surgical aid, as to them may upon consulting the practicing

physicians, in the aforesaid City of Quebec, in the practice of attending such establishment, or any Duration of the three of them appear expedient; Provided always that such temporary regulations Regulations shall be and remain in force until the end of the next Session of the Provincial Legislature and no longer.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Justices of the Peace under whose direction and superintendance the money by this Act appropriated, shall be laid out and expended, shall in the course of fifteen days from the opening of the next Session of the Legislature, lay before the three Branches thereof, in the English and French Languages, a detailed and full statement of the manner in which such money shall have been laid out, and expended.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application to of the money appropriated by 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.