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**An Act to provide for the support of Lunatics committed to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum.  
Passed 13th April 1859.**

Section.

1. Insanity to be certified before admission.
2. Lunatic's means of support to be certified.
3. Expense of lunatic in Asylum to be a Crown debt.

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4. Certificate of Medical Superintendent to be evidence of expense.
5. When expense to be defrayed from the funds.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of the first Section of Chapter 89, Title XV, of the Revised Statutes, 'Of dangerous Lunatics,' no person shall be admitted into the Provincial Lunatic Asylum on the Warrant of two Justices or otherwise, unless the insanity of such person, within the meaning of the said Chapter, shall be certified by some duly qualified Medical practitioner resident and practising in the Province.
2. Whenever any person is sent to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum on the Warrant of two Justices, they shall also deliver to the Constable who shall execute the Warrant, a certificate of the means and condition of the lunatic, setting forth, according to the best of their knowledge and belief, whether he has any and what property and means of support, which certificate the Constable shall lodge with the Medical Superintendent or other person in charge of the Asylum.
3. The board, care, medical attendance, and other necessary expense incurred in the care and support of any lunatic or insane person received into the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, shall be a Crown debt, and may be sued for and recovered by any and the like remedies that any other debt due the Crown may be sued for and recovered.
4. In any action or proceeding for the recovery of any sum due at any time for the board, care, medical attendance, and other necessary expense of a lunatic or insane person, the certificate of the Medical Superintendent that such sum is due shall be evidence of the fact.
5. Whenever the real or personal estate of any lunatic or insane person is not more than sufficient to maintain the family of the lunatic, the expense of the lunatic may be defrayed from the funds of the Asylum.