

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1834.

4 William IV – Chapter 25 (Session 1)

An Act for appropriating the Supplies granted to His Majesty, during the present Session of the Colonial Parliament. (12th June, 1834.)

May it please your Excellency,

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of His Majesty's Island of Newfoundland, in Parliament assembled, having freely and voluntarily resolved to give and grant to His Majesty a supply to defray certain charges for the Administration of Justice, and the support of the Civil Government of this Island, do humbly beseech your Excellency that it may be enacted, and Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Newfoundland, in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that from and out of such monies as from time to time shall be and remain in the hands of the Treasurer of this Island, and unappropriated, there shall be granted to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, the sum of Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Four Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Four Pence, Sterling, which said sum shall be applied in payment of the following charges, for the year commencing on the first day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Four, and ending on the Thirty-first day of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Five, inclusive, that is to say ;

The sum of Two Hundred Pounds towards defraying the Salary of the Clerk of the Council.

And a further sum of Four Hundred Pounds, towards defraying the Salaries of Two Clerks in the Secretary's Office.

And a further sum of Sixty Pounds towards defraying the Salary of the Office Keeper of the Secretary's Office.

And a further sum of Forty Five Pounds towards defraying the Salary of the Messenger in the Secretary's Office.

And a further sum of Four Hundred Pounds towards defraying the Salary of the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

And a further sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds towards defraying the Salary of the Clerk of the Central Circuit Court.

And a further sum of Two Hundred Pounds towards defraying the Salary of the Clerk of the Northern Circuit Court.

And a further sum of Two Hundred Pounds towards defraying the Salary of the Clerk of the Southern Circuit Court.

And a further sum of Sixty Pounds towards defraying the Salary of the Crier of the Supreme Court and Tipstaff.

And a further sum of Five Hundred and Thirteen Pounds, and Five Shillings, towards defraying the Salary of the High Sheriff.

And a further sum of Thirty Six Pounds towards defraying the Salary of the Gaoler of the Gaol of Saint John's.

And a further sum of Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds towards defraying the Salary of the Chief Magistrate at Saint John's.

And a further sum of Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds towards defraying the Salaries of Two Police Magistrates at Saint John's.

And a further sum of Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence towards defraying the Salaries of Nine Police Constables at Saint John's.

And a further sum of Four Hundred and Thirty Pounds towards defraying the Salary of the Colonial Treasurer, to be in lieu of all other emoluments, and as a compensation for Office Rent and Stationery.

And a further sum of Fifty Pounds towards defraying the Pension granted by His Majesty to William Armstrong, late Marshall of the Supreme Court.

And a further sum of Five Hundred Pounds towards defraying the expense of Civil and Judicial Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Binding, and contingent expenses.

And a further sum of Six Hundred Pounds towards defraying the expenses of His Majesty's Gaols throughout the Island.

And a further sum of One Hundred and Forty Pounds towards defraying the expenses of the Coroners throughout the Island.

And a further sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds towards defraying the Fees of His Majesty's Attorney General.

And a further sum of Five Hundred Pounds towards defraying the expense of Civil and Criminal Prosecutions.

And a further sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Five Pounds towards the relief of the Poor of the Island.

And a further sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds towards defraying the expense of the Postages of the various Departments—Flags for Public Buildings—Sweeping Chimneys—Removing Snow from the Roofs of Government Buildings and the Roads to them, and other unforeseen contingencies.

And a further sum of Three Hundred and Forty Pounds towards defraying the expense of repairs to Government Buildings.

And a further sum of Two Hundred and Fifteen Pounds for Fuel and Light for Public Buildings (exclusive of the Surveyor General's Office).

And a further sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Two Pounds towards defraying the Salaries of Magistrates, Gaolers and Constables in the Outports, and for defraying the expense of repairs to the Gaols in the Outports.

And a further sum of Forty Three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence towards compensating Henry Phillips Thomas for his services in opening and making a Public Road.

And a further sum of Five Hundred Pounds towards opening and making Roads in the Northern and Southern Districts of this Island, to be apportioned as follows, that is to say;

One Hundred Pounds on a Line of Road from Renew's towards Saint John's: One Hundred Pounds on a Line of Road from Placentia towards Saint John's: One Hundred Pounds to connect Fortune Bay with Burin in Placentia Bay: One Hundred Pounds on a Line of Road from Conception Bay to Trinity Bay: One Hundred Pounds on a Line of Road from Trinity Bay to Bonavista Bay.

And a further sum of Four Hundred Pounds, towards the repairs of Roads and Bridges in the District of Saint John's; whereof One Hundred and Fifty Pounds shall be expended on the Road leading from Saint John's to Topsail.

And a further sum of Fifty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence, towards opening a Line of Road between Saint John's and Salmonier in Saint Mary's Bay.

And a further sum of Eighteen Pounds, towards compensating Thomas Fitzgibbon Moore, for his services in serving an order of the House of Assembly on William Brown, Esquire.

And a further sum of Ninety Pounds to Peter Weston Carter, Esquire, for his past services as Police Magistrate.

And a further sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds, to be appropriated by his Excellency the Governor in the purchase of Seed Potatoes, to be distributed among such poor and indigent Persons, in the various parts of the Island, as may have land suitable for cultivation and no means of procuring Seed.

II. And be it further enacted, that the money hereby granted shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Colony, in discharge of such Warrant or Warrants as shall be issued by the Governor or Acting Governor of this Colony, for the time being, in favor of any Person or Persons, to be applied to the purposes of this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Acting Governor for the time being, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, to nominate and appoint fit and proper persons for the expenditure of each sum of Money voted during the present Session for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges —such Persons to act as Commissioners and Trustees for the purpose of superintending and directing the making, building or repairing such Roads and Bridges within each County or District as shall have been directed to be made, built or repaired during the present Session of the Colonial Parliament, and for the doing of which a particular sum of Money shall have been granted ; and it shall be lawful for the Governor or Acting Governor for the time being, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, at pleasure, to remove all or any of the said Commissioners and to appoint others in their room; and the Secretary of the Colony shall furnish to the Treasurer of the Colony a List of the names of such Commissioners and the particular sum of Money for which each Person shall respectively be appointed; and also shall furnish the said Treasurer, from time to time, with a List of any alterations that may be made in the said Commissioners.

IV. And be it further enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any of the said Commissioners or Trustees to proceed on making, building or repairing any Road or Bridge, ordered to be made, built or repaired, for which a sum of Money shall have been particularly appropriated this Session, in any other way than by Contract,—having first taken care to give due notice of such Contract before the same shall be closed—all which Contracts shall be in writing, signed by the Parties, and exact copies thereof shall immediately be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Colony; Provided always, that such Commissioners, before they enter into such Contracts, shall require reasonable security from the Contractor or Contractors that he or they shall perform such Contract; and if the Contractor or Contractors shall require any Money to be paid in advance, such Commissioners may, from time to time, advance any part of the amount of the said Contract, not exceeding at any one time one third part of the whole; and no advance shall be made until two sufficient Bondsmen become bound with the said Contractor or Contractors in double the sum to be advanced, that he or they will perform and complete such Contract; and no second advance shall be made to such Contractor or Contractors until one half part of the said work shall be executed, examined and passed as having been done in a workmanlike manner agreeable to Contract; and the said Commissioner shall so word his Contract that the same shall be finished within a limited time, and that he shall always withhold the payment of one third of the full amount thereof until such work shall be finished and fully executed agreeably to Contract. And such Commissioner shall, upon the completion of the work which he may be appointed to superintend, and at the end of each year, make a full and special report thereof to the Secretary of the Colony; and such report, together with full and particular accounts of the expenditure of the sum or sums of Money so placed under the disposal of such Commissioner, shall be laid before the Legislature at its next Session.

V. And be it further enacted, that the said sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds so granted as aforesaid for the purchase of Potatoes to be distributed among such poor and indigent persons in the different parts of the Island, as may have Land fit for cultivation, and no means of procuring Seed, shall

be so distributed by, and under the superintendence of, Commissioners in each District, to be appointed by His Excellency the Governor, in the following proportions, that is to say, in proportion to the number of Inhabitants in each District as shown by the last Census taken in the years 1827 and 1828.

VI. And be it further enacted, that the said sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Five Pounds so granted for the relief of the Poor, shall be distributed under the superintendence of Committees in the different Districts of the Island, to be appointed by His Excellency the Governor, in the following proportions, that is to say, Six Hundred and Fifty Pounds for the District of Saint John's, and the remainder to be divided among the other Districts of the Island, in proportion to the number of their Inhabitants, as shown by the Census above mentioned.