

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1852.

15 Victoria – Chapter 5

An Act to repeal the Acts respecting the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum at Saint John's, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof. (Passed 14th June, 1852.)

Whereas it is expedient to repeal the Acts hereinafter recited, respecting the erection of a Lunatic Asylum, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof—

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, That the Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, entitled “An Act for the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum in St. John’s,” and the Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, entitled “An Act for granting a further Sum for establishing a Lunatic Asylum in St. John’s,” shall be and the same are hereby respectively repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Treasurer of this Island, and he is hereby authorized, to raise on Loan, by Public Advertisement for Tenders thereof, at the lowest rate of Interest, a Sum not exceeding Three Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds, chargeable upon and to be repaid out of the Public Funds of this Colony, together with Interest at a rate not exceeding Six per Centum per Annum, upon Debentures to be issued, signed by the Treasurer aforesaid, and countersigned by the Colonial Secretary, payable in Twelve Years from the date thereof respectively ; which said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be appropriated towards defraying the expenses of the erection and completion of a Lunatic Asylum in St. John’s or the vicinity thereof, and towards the purchase of Land whereon to erect the said Asylum.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor or Administrator of the Government, from time to time, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to draw upon the Treasurer for any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding Three Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds aforesaid, on the requisition of the Chairman of the Commissioners, to be appointed as hereinafter provided, in favor of any Person or Persons to be applied to the purposes of this Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Administrator of the Government, in Council, to appoint Five Persons, and their places from time to time to supply, as occasion may require, any Three of whom shall be a quorum, to be and act as a Board of Commissioners to superintend the building of the said Lunatic Asylum, and to enter into all necessary Contracts for the erection and completion of the said Asylum, and for furnishing all necessary Supplies for the said Asylum, and for the Patients therein: Provided always, that Tenders for such Contracts shall be Advertised for; and those relating to the erection and completion of the said Asylum, together with all Plans, Specifications and Estimates, shall, prior to entering into any such Contract, be submitted to the Governor and Council for their approval.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall appoint a Chairman, and shall hold Meetings, and shall have power from time to time to make Rules for such Meetings, and for all matters relating

thereto, and also for the admission, treatment and discharge of Patients, and, generally, for the efficient superintendence, management and control of the said Asylum, and for the duties and conduct of the Officers thereof, and such Rules to alter and amend as occasion may require. Provided always, that such Rules and Regulations shall not be of any force until approved of by the Governor and Council, copies of which Rules and Regulations shall be laid before the Legislature at its then next session.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Governor or Administrator of the Government shall have power to appoint the Medical Superintendent; and the said Superintendent shall appoint the necessary subordinate Servants, the Salaries of such subordinate Servants being regulated by the Governor and Council. Provided, that such appointments shall be signified to the Legislature at its next session, and the Salaries to be deemed at all times under its control.

VII. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall, on or before the Tenth Day of January in each Year, and at all times when required, transmit to the Office of the Colonial Secretary, to be laid before the Legislature, a full and detailed report of the state, progress and condition of the said Asylum, and of such other matters connected therewith as may be in that behalf directed.