

ance with, or during such time as the provisions of this Act shall not be complied with, such damages to be recoverable by trial at Law, before His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in this Province.

CHAP. XXIII.

AN ACT to establish Agricultural Societies, and to encourage Agriculture in the several Districts of this Province.

[Passed 4th March, 1837.]

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

WHEREAS it would greatly tend to the general improvement of this Province, if Agricultural Societies were re-established in every District therein, with a suitable endowment from the Public Funds: We therefore humbly beseech 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 Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, '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 by the authority of the same, That when any Agricultural Society, for the purpose of Importing valuable Live Stock, Grain, Grass Seeds, useful Implements of Husbandry, or whatever else might conduce to the improvement of Agriculture, shall be constituted in any District in this Province, and shall make it appear by certificate, under the hand of the Treasurer of such District Society, that a sum not less than Twenty-five Pounds, has been actually subscribed and paid to the said Treasurer, by the several Agricultural Societies of said District, and paid into the hands of the said Treasurer; and the President of the said Society shall make application, enclosing the said certificate to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province, for and in support of said Society; it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province, to issue his Warrant to the Receiver General in favour of the Treasurer of the said Society, for double the sum that shall have been paid or subscribed in said District, as aforesaid: *Provided always*, That the annual

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When an Agricultural Society shall be formed in any District in this Province, and not less than £25 subscribed and paid;

Lieutenant Governor may issue a Warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the said Society, for double the amount so paid;

not however to exceed £200 annually.

sum to be granted to each District shall not exceed the sum of two hundred pounds.

Provision in favour of County, Riding, or Township Agricultural Societies.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in the event of there being County, Riding, or Township Agricultural Societies established, there shall not be more than one Society in each County or Riding of any District within this Province, and a proportion of the District Bounty shall and may be granted to each County, Riding, or Township Agricultural Society, and paid to them by the District Society, in proportion to double the money that each County, Riding, or Township Agricultural Society, shall have subscribed: *Provided nevertheless,* That the whole sum granted to the District and County Societies together, shall not exceed the sum of two hundred pounds in each year.

If more than £50 be subscribed by the Societies in any District, the grant of £200 to be proportionably divided amongst them.

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in the event of more than fifty pounds being subscribed by the several Societies in any District, the said grant of two hundred pounds shall be divided to each Society in due proportion, according to the amount of their subscriptions respectively.

Agricultural Societies to elect Officers and make By-Laws.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That each Agricultural Society shall and may elect such Officers, and make such By-Laws for their guidance as to them shall seem best, for promoting the interest of Agriculture, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

Treasurers' accounts to accompany application for grants.

V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Treasurer's account of the receipts and expenditure of the preceding year, shall, after the first year, always accompany the application for grants in aid of said Agricultural Societies.

Treasurer of County, &c. Societies to pay over monies subscribed to Treasurer of District Agricultural Society, who shall make an Abstract thereof.

VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when County, Riding, or Township Societies, shall have been established in any District, the Treasurer of such County Societies shall, on or before the first day of September in each year, pay over the amount of Money subscribed by said Societies, into the hands of the Treasurer of the District Agricultural Society, who shall then make an abstract of the sums subscribed in said District, in the following form :

Abstract of sums of Money subscribed by the several Agricultural Societies in the ——— District, for the year 183—.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.	AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED BY EACH. <small>Form of Abstract.</small>		
	£	s.	d.

Total,.....£

These are to certify that the sum of ——— Pounds, ——— Shillings, Certificate.
 have been paid into my hands, by the several Agricultural Societies in the
 ——— District, as above stated.

Given under my hand at ———, the ——— day of ——— 183 —.

Certified,

————— *Treasurer.*

————— *President.*

VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the* Accounting clause.
 Monies hereby granted and paid shall be accounted for to His Majesty,
 through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in such
 manner and form as His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors shall be gra-
 ciously pleased to direct.

VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the* Treasurer of Town-
 ship Society paying
 into the hands of
 Treasurer of the
 County or District
 Society, entitled to
 receive back the sum,
 with a proportion of
 the Legislative grant.
 Treasurer of any Township Society shall, on or before the first day of
 February in each and every year, pay into the hands of the Treasurer of
 the District or County Societies, he shall be entitled to receive the same
 again so soon as the Legislative grant shall have been received, with a
 proportion of the Legislative grant, equal to the amount so paid, or in

proportion to what shall fall to their share upon an equal division being made, in proportion to the sums paid in by the several Societies in the District or County.

Act in force four years.

IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That this Act shall be and continue in force for and during the term of four years, and from thence to the end of the then next ensuing Session of Parliament, and no longer.

CHAP. XXIV.

AN ACT to authorise the Erection, and provide for the Maintenance of Houses of Industry, in the several Districts of this Province.

[Passed 4th March, 1837.]

Preamble.

After the presentment of three successive Grand Juries, Justices in Quarter Sessions to procure plans, purchase site, and erect a House of Industry ;

not to cost more than £1000.

WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary to provide a House of Industry in the several Districts of this Province, and to provide employment for the Indigent and Idle: *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 Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, '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 by the authority of the same, That the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in each District, after the presentment of three successive Grand Juries recommending the same, it shall be the duty of the Justices of the said District, to procure Plans and Estimates for the erection of suitable Buildings for the reception and employment of the Poor and Indigent, and of the Idle and Dissolute; and to procure or purchase a suitable Site whereon to erect the same, and to contract for the erection thereof: *Provided* the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of One Thousand Pounds; and also to appoint five Inspectors, who shall have the Inspection and Government of the said House, with full power to appoint a Master, Mistress, and such needful assistance for the immediate care and oversight of the persons received into, or employed in that House; which Inspectors, once every month, and at such other times as occasion may require, shall meet for the purpose of determining the best method of discharging the duties of their Office