

CHAP. LV.

AN ACT for the relief of Allan MacDonell, Esquire, the Sheriff of the Midland District.

[Passed 10th February, 1840.]

WHEREAS Allan MacDonell, Esquire, Sheriff of the Midland District, Preamble. hath by his Petition set forth that in consequence of the defective construction of the Gaol of the said District, he has been obliged and compelled to pay a large sum of money, by reason of the escape of debtors confined therein: *And whereas* the said Sheriff did frequently point out to the Magistrates of the said District, the impossibility of retaining prisoners in custody by reason of the insecurity of the prison, and it manifestly appearing that such escapes have not arisen from any negligence or inattention on the part of that Officer, it is desirable that relief should be extended to him under the circumstances: *Be it therefore enacted* by the Queen'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 it may be lawful for the Magistrates of the Midland District, at the first General Quarter Sessions after the passing of this Act, or a majority of them, (if they are of opinion that relief should be granted under all the facts,) to authorise the Treasurer of the District, out of the rates now levied and collected, or hereafter to be raised, levied and collected for the uses of the District, to pay in such manner as they may deem proper, by instalments or otherwise, to Allan MacDonell, Esquire, the Sheriff of the said District, the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Halifax currency.

Justices of the Midland District at their next Quarter Sessions may authorise certain payments to the Sheriff of that District out of the District funds.

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