

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1816. York: R. C. Horne, 1816.

56 George III – Chapter 35 (1)

An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of Money to be applied for the Encouragement of the Cultivation of Hemp, within this Province. Passed 1st April, 1816.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Whereas, it would encourage the cultivation of Hemp within this Province, if a Bounty were paid to the cultivators thereof, We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, 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 from and out of the Rates and Duties, raised, levied and collected, or hereafter to be raised, levied and collected, to and for the public uses of this Province, and in the hands of the Receiver General, and unappropriated, there be granted to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the sum of one thousand pounds, to be appropriated, laid out and disposed of in Bounties for encouraging the cultivation of Hemp, in manner hereinafter mentioned.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province, to appoint in each and every District thereof, a fit person to act as Inspector of Hemp, within the same.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each and every person who shall raise, cultivate, dress and prepare for manufactory five or more Quintals of clean Hemp, which on inspection by the said Inspector shall be declared Merchantable and fit for manufacturing into ropes and cordage, and shall produce a certificate thereof, together with the Oath of such person, that the said Hemp was raised and cultivated and dressed, by such person or his servants within this Province, to such Commissioner or Commissioners as may be by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province, appointed in manner and form herein after directed to pay the same, shall be entitled to demand and receive from such Commissioner as aforesaid, as a Bounty for every such Quintal of Hemp as aforesaid, the sum of twenty shillings.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That at any time or times from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's

Executive Council of this Province, to issue one or more Proclamation or Proclamations, and therein to name such and so many persons as he shall deem expedient, within this Province, Commissioners for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each and every Inspector to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be entitled to claim and receive from each and every person offering such Hemp as aforesaid, the sum of one shilling and three pence for each and every hundred weight of Hemp which he shall or may inspect as aforesaid.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each and every Commissioner to be appointed as aforesaid, shall have full power and authority to administer to each and every person who shall or may produce such Certificate as aforesaid, and require payment for the same, the following Oath:

I, A.B. do solemnly swear, that the Hemp for which I claim the Bounty, authorized to be paid by virtue of an Act of the Provincial Legislature passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, is Bona fide the growth of this Province, that it was raised and cultivated at my expence, and that I have never received any Bounty for the same, so Help me God.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each and every Commissioner to be appointed under the authority of this Act, shall transmit on the thirty-first day of December in each and every year, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government, a detailed account with Vouchers of all monies paid by him under the authority of this Act.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Sum of One Thousand Pounds, shall be paid by the Receiver General of this Province, in discharge of such Warrant or Warrants, as shall for that purpose be issued, by the Governor, Lieut. Governor, or Person administering the Government, and shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty be graciously pleased to direct.