

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1830. York: Robert Stanton, 1830.

11 George IV – Chapter 20

An Act to authorize the Quarter Sessions of the Home District to provide for the Relief of Insane Destitute Persons in that District. Passed 6th March, 1830.

Whereas it appears by the Petition of the Chairman of the Quarter Sessions in and for the Home District, and also by presentment of the Grand Jury of the said District, that several Insane persons destitute of any provision for their maintenance, have been charitably received into the Gaol of the Home District, and that there being no funds for their Support provided by Law, a charge has been incurred from necessity, and paid from the Funds of the District without any legal authority for the same: And whereas it is just and expedient to indemnify all persons concerned in such advance, and also to provide a remedy for the future, in such cases:—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 at the next ensuing Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the Home District, it shall and may be lawful for the Clerk of the Peace, and he is hereby required, to lay before the Grand Jury of the said Quarter Sessions, an account in detail of all sum and sums of money advanced, or which shall be necessary to advance until the said Sessions, for the purpose of maintaining and supporting Insane destitute persons, as aforesaid.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That at the said Quarter Sessions it shall and may be lawful for the said Grand Jury to make presentment to the said Court of the just and reasonable sum to be allowed for maintenance and support of such Insane persons, expended for the time before the said Quarter Sessions; and also, to present such sum or sums as they may think necessary for the purpose of maintaining and supporting Insane destitute persons in the said District, at the discretion of the Grand Jury, either in the Gaol or some other place, for the year next ensuing the said Sessions, which presentment shall be made once in each and every year, and the like account in detail each and every year, exhibited for the monies expended in the past years respectively, shall be laid before the Grand Jury as above provided to be done, at the now next ensuing Quarter Sessions.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Chairman of the Quarter Sessions from time to time to issue his Warrant for the payment of such sum or sums of money, to the amount so presented, which said sum or sums of money shall be payable by the Treasurer of the said District for the time being, out of the monies of the said District in his hands and unappropriated, and which said accounts

so laid before the said Grand Jury from time to time, so far as the same are approved of, and the said Warrant, shall be a sufficient discharge and indemnity to all persons concerned in the expenditure of such sum or sums of money.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Court of Quarter Sessions shall from to time, by Writ of Subpoena, call before them all such person or persons as shall be required by the Grand Jury, and shall swear such person or persons in open Court, true answer to make to all such question or questions as shall be asked of them by the said Grand Jury, touching and concerning insane destitute persons in the said District, and their maintenance and support, and the said person or persons shall be examined on the said Oath before the said Grand Jury, and all or any person or persons wilfully giving false Evidence under this Act before the Grand Jury, at any such Quarter Sessions, shall be liable to all the pains and penalties of wilful and corrupt Perjury: Provided always, That no greater sum shall be advanced in the course of any year than shall be previously presented for that year, at the Sessions, by the Grand Jury, as aforesaid.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this Act shall continue in force Two Years from the passing thereof, and from thence to the end of the next ensuing Session of Parliament, and no longer.