

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1832. York: Robert Stanton, 1833.

3 William IV – Chapter 52

An Act granting a Sum of Money for the relief of sick and destitute Emigrants at Prescott. Passed 13th February, 1833.

Most Gracious Sovereign:

Whereas among the great and annually increasing influx of Emigration from the Mother Country to this Province, many persons are found on their arrival at the Port of Prescott, in consequence of fatigue and expense incident to so long a voyage, in a Sickly and Destitute state; and whereas humanity directs that some Relief should be afforded to persons of this description over and above what may arise from the Christian feelings and benevolence of the people residing at that place of general disembarkation: May it please 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 out of the Rates and Duties now raised, levied and collected, or which may be hereafter raised, levied and collected, and unappropriated, there be granted to Your Majesty the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds; which said sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds shall be appropriated and applied to the Relief of such Emigrants from the Mother Country as may be found on their arrival at the Port of Prescott in this Province, during the ensuing season, to be Sick, and Destitute of the means of Subsistence.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum hereby granted as aforesaid shall be paid in discharge of any Warrant or Warrants issued by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province for the time being, in favour of the Trustees appointed by this Act, to relieve the distresses of such Sick and Destitute Emigrants as aforesaid; and shall be accounted for to His Majesty, through the Lords Commissioners of His Treasury, in such manner as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, shall be graciously pleased to direct.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Reverend Robert Boyd, the Reverend Philander Smith, and Stephen Miles, shall be Trustees for the purposes of this Act, and shall render an account in detail of the expenditure of all monies coming into their hands by virtue thereof to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government aforesaid, on or before the first day of December next, to be laid before the Legislature at its next Session.