

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1838. York: Robert Stanton, 1838.

1 Victoria – Chapter 17

An Act to alter the mode of Payment of Wages to Members of the House of Assembly. Passed 6th March, 1838.

Whereas the present mode of remunerating Members of the House of Assembly is on several accounts, inexpedient: 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, consituted 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 each and every Member of the House of Assembly attending his duty in Parliament, and not absenting himself twenty days during a Session without leave of the House, or unless prevented by sickness, or other reasonable excuse to the satisfaction of the Speaker, from attending, shall be entitled to obtain at the close of each Session, a Warrant from the Speaker of his attendance, and on production of such Warrant, to receive the sum of fifty pounds, together with ten shillings for every twenty miles such Member may have, to travel from his place of residence to Seat of Government, and to return: Provided nevertheless, That if from any cause whatever, any Session shall not continue for more than thirty days, then each of the said Members shall not be entitled to receive more than twenty-five pounds for his said attendance: Provided also, That any Member absenting himself from his duty in Parliament for one half of a Session, unless prevented by sickness or other reasonable excuse as aforesaid from attending, shall forfeit all claim to receive any thing for such Session; and any Member absenting himself in like manner for twenty successive days, during any one Session, shall only he entitled to receive one half the sum he would have been entitled to if he had attended the whole Session.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the several sums of money to which the Members of the House of Assembly shall be respectively entitled under this Act, shall be paid by the Treasurers of the several Districts respectively, and shall be levied by Assessment in the manner directed, by the Laws now in force for that purpose, and that the amount of all monies which shall be levied by Assessment for the payment of Wages to Members of the House of Assembly, shall be applied by the Treasurer of each District to that purpose only, and shall not be advanced or expended for any other object whatsoever.