

Brandy, or of Geneva or Gin or other spirits or strong waters not being Whiskey, Rum or Brandy, is and shall be payable (as the duties repealed by the said Act were) for every gallon thereof of any strength not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof. proof of spirits.

CAP. LXXXII.

An Act to legalize certain grants from the Municipalities of this Province towards the Patriotic Fund.

[Assented to 19th May, 1855.]

WHEREAS doubts exist as to the right of Municipal Councils in this Province to make grants of moneys for other than strictly local purposes; And whereas, actuated by a spirit of commendable patriotism, several of the said Municipal Councils have contributed to the aid of the Fund commonly called "The Patriotic Fund," while others, apprehensive that such appropriation of their funds was illegal, have reluctantly refrained from gratifying so praiseworthy a disposition; And whereas it is expedient and right to remove all doubts respecting the power of the said Councils to make such grants for the purpose aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

I. All grants of money heretofore made by any of the Municipal Councils of this Province in aid of the said Fund, shall be held to have been and the same are hereby declared to have been lawfully made. Grants for the Patriotic Fund declared valid.

II. It shall and may be lawful for any of the Municipal Councils of this Province, in their discretion, and within the six months next after the passing of this Act, to make such appropriation by By-laws from their funds respectively, for the aid of the said Patriotic Fund, as they shall within their said respective Municipalities see fit: Provided always, that no such grant or appropriation shall be carried into effect until approved of by a majority of the rate-payers, to be affected thereby, at a special meeting of such rate-payers lawfully convened, in the manner provided for similar purposes by the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for Upper Canada*. Future grants to be valid if approved by a majority of the Municipal Electors.

16 V. c. 22.