

An Act to authorize the erection of an Hospital, near the Welland Canal, for the relief of sick and wounded Sailors, navigating the Lakes.

WHEREAS it is advisable to establish at some central point, in the vicinity of Lakes Erie and Ontario, an Hospital or Infirmary, for the reception of diseased and temporarily disabled mariners, actually engaged in the navigation of the said waters, and it is therefore expedient to authorise His Excellency the Governor of this Province, to appoint Commissioners for superintending the erection of a suitable building upon some point on the line of the Welland Canal; and to provide for the appointment of proper officers for the management, and to levy a capitation tax upon all parties employed in the merchant service on the aforesaid Lakes, of not more than five shillings per month for each individual, for the maintenance and support of the same; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. An Hospital for the relief of sailors employed as aforesaid, shall be erected on such plot of ground, situated as aforesaid, as shall be appropriated by the Governor, or purchased by Commissioners appointed under the authority of this Act for the purpose.

Site of Hospital.

II. It shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province to authorise a sum, not exceeding eight thousand pounds, to be paid to any Board of Commissioners, for the purpose of purchasing a site, and erecting proper buildings for the Hospital.

£8,000 appropriated for the Hospital.

III. So soon as this said building shall be reported to the Governor of this Province by the said Commissioners as sufficiently completed and furnished for the reception of patients, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor to appoint to such Institution a Board of Directors, to consist of not less than five persons, resident in the neighbourhood, and interested in Lake Navigation; and it shall be the duty of the said Board, or of any two Members thereof, at least once every three months to visit the said Institution, to inspect the same; and annually, on the first Wednesday in January after the passing of this Act, to make a report of the state thereof, and of the patients admitted during the year, to the Governor, for the information of the Legislature.

Commissioners to be appointed.

Annual Report of Commissioners.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors at their first meeting to frame By-laws for the government and regulation of the Charity, to appoint medical officers under the sanction of the Governor, to audit and inspect the accounts, to approve or disapprove of the appointment of the subordinate officers and attendants appointed by the principal medical attendant, and to fix the respective salaries of parties connected therewith.

Duties of Commissioners.