

An Act to confirm the action of the Corporation of the Townships of Arthur and Luther, under the Act to enable County Councils to raise money for assisting persons in certain cases to sow their land ; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS under the Act to enable County Councils to raise money for assisting persons in certain cases to sow their land, and for other purposes, passed in the twenty-second year of Her Majesty's reign, the Council of the United Townships of Arthur and Luther, having borrowed a large amount from the County Council of the County of Wellington, instead of loaning the same to persons in want, or purchasing seed-wheat and delivering the same to persons in need thereof, under a misapprehension of their duties and powers under the said Act, purchased provisions and distributed the same, and relieved needy individuals therewith ; And whereas also no By-law as required by the said Act was regularly passed by the Council of the said united Townships of Arthur and Luther before their separation, which took place on the first of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

I. The purchase and distribution of food and provisions by the Council of the United Townships of Arthur and Luther, made in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and the relief by them given, as in the preamble recited, shall be deemed within the intention and provisions of the said Act to enable County Councils to raise money for assisting persons in certain cases to sow their land, and for other purposes ; and the parties who obtained such food, provisions, and other relief, shall be liable and shall pay for what they so received, at the prices fixed by a resolution of the Council of the said united Townships, passed on the eighteenth day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, as if the same were a loan of money or seed wheat, under the said Act.

II. Such amounts or loans shall be payable by the parties who obtained such food or provisions, by instalments, as intended and provided by a certain irregular By-law of the said Council, numbered four ; that is to say, one-third of the said amounts or loans, on the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, with interest after the rate of per cent. on the whole loan ; one-third of the said amounts or loans on the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, with one year's interest, after the said rate on two-thirds of the whole loan ; and the remaining one-third of the said amounts or loans, with one year's interest thereon, after the said rate, on the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two ; together with a per centage of six-and-one-half upon each instalment and interest, to cover the ex-

Preamble.

Loan and distribution confirmed.

Periods for repayment of advances.