

Annual Grant
of 1275l. for
four years for
the several
Counties in
this Province

How to be ap-
portioned

Commander in Chief, for the time being, to grant his Warrant on the Public Treasury of this Province, annually, for the period of four years, from and after the passing of this Act, for the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds, being at and after the rate of Seventy-five Pounds for each of the seventeen Counties in this Province, to be applied and expended as hereafter mentioned.

VI. *And be it enacted*, That the said Board, in each and every year, shall ascertain whether Agricultural Societies that now are, or hereafter may be, formed in the several Counties, ought to receive a proportion; and shall likewise determine what proportion, if any, each one of such Societies shall receive out of the aforesaid grant of Seventy-five Pounds, such proportion to be regulated by the said Board, with reference to the numbers and contributions of the members of each Society, and to its local position and usefulness, and so as one Society, if there be no more than one in any of the said Counties, may receive, with the assent and approval of the said Board, the whole of such grant; and that the President and Secretary of each Society shall be entitled to draw out of the Treasury, for the purposes of this Act, the sum that may have been assigned to it as aforesaid by the said Board: Provided always, that no Society shall be entitled to any portion of the said grant, which shall not raise annually, by private contribution, the sum of Ten Pounds at the least; and that not more than three Societies shall receive any proportion of the said grant in any one County: And provided also, that in all cases where a Central County Society, with a branch or branches in the County, shall be formed and approved of by the Central Board, that the said sum of Seventy-five Pounds shall be given to the said Central Society for distribution, for the purposes of this Act, in all cases where the sum of Twenty Pounds shall have been raised by the Central Society, and the branch or branches thereof, jointly, in manner before mentioned.

How to be ex-
pended by the
Societies

VII. *And be it enacted*, That the sums so assigned and paid to the several Societies, shall be applied and expended by them in the importation of Live Stock, Implements or Seeds—the offering of judicious premiums—or in such other Agricultural objects and uses, as in the judgment of each Society, may be best adapted to its local position and wants; and that such objects may be varied or altered, from time to time, at the discretion of each Society; but no part of such sum shall be applied in the expense of managing the said Societies.

Societies to
render account
to the Cen-
tral Board

VIII. *And be it enacted*, That each one of the said Societies throughout the Province, shall render to the said Board, on or before the Thirty-first day of December, in every year, a full and exact account, verified by the oath of the President or Secretary thereof, to be administered by any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of the expenditure of the sum so assigned and paid to such Society, out of the aforesaid grant, as also of the amount and appropriation of the funds contributed by, or belonging to, such Society, with a report of its proceedings for the past year; and that any Society, which shall neglect or refuse to furnish such account and report, unless excused therefrom by the said Board, shall not be entitled, in any future year, to receive any proportion of the aforesaid grant.

To continue
for four years

IX. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall continue in force for the period of four years, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.

CAP. III.

An Act to improve the Administration of the Law, and to reduce the number of Courts of Justice within this Province, and to diminish the expense of the Judiciary therein.

(Passed the 29th day of March, A. D., 1841.)

Preamble

WHEREAS, the present system of administering Justice in this Province, by means of the Supreme Court, and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, being separate and distinct Tribunals, with nearly concurrent jurisdiction in civil causes, leads to one of the two mischiefs following, that is to say: either to holding Courts in each County oftener than is necessary,