

by his Excellency the Governor and the Legislative Council, that after the first day of November next, no person whatsoever shall on any pretence sell, vend, or distribute medicines by retail, or prescribe for sick persons for gain, or practise physic or surgery within the Province, or practise midwifery in the towns of Quebec and Montreal, or the suburbs thereof, without licence first had and obtained from his Excellency the Governour or the Commander in Chief of the Province for the time being, which licence shall not be granted but upon certificate of the persons applying for the same, having been examined and approved by such persons as the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, may have appointed for the purpose of examining and inquiring into the knowledge of such persons in physic, or skill in surgery, or pharmacy, or midwifery, a copy of which certificate is to be annexed to the licence, which is to be enregistered in the office of the clerk of the peace of the district where the practitioner resides.

And every person acting in any of the professions aforesaid without such licence, shall forfeit the sum of twenty pounds for the first offence, fifty pounds for the second, and one hundred pounds and three months imprisonment for every subsequent offence committed against the true intent and meaning of this ordinance, to be recovered in the Court of the Common Pleas of the district where the offence shall have been committed; a moiety of such forfeitures to be paid to the Receiver-general of the Province, and applied to the use of his Majesty's government here, to be accounted for by him to his Majesty, his heirs and successors, or to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury for the time being, and audited by his Majesty's Auditor-general for the plantations, or his deputy, and the other moiety to be paid to the person or persons who shall sue for the same.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, that nothing in this ordinance shall extend or be construed to extend to the subjecting such persons as shall have taken a degree in any University, or who have been commissioned or warranted as surgeons in his Majesty's army or navy to any examination previous to obtaining a licence: but to which licence to be enregistered as above, a copy of the degree or certificate of the commission or warrant shall be annexed; and that no physician or surgeon doing duty in the army or navy within the Province be obliged to have a licence; provided also, that nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent retailers or others from selling such drugs for which a royal patent has been obtained.

DORCHESTER.

Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforesaid, and passed in Council under the Great Seal of the Province, at the Council-chamber in the castle of St. Lewis, in the city of Quebec, the thirtieth day of April, in the twenty-eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the grace of GOD of Great-Britain, France and Ireland King, defender of the faith, and so forth, and in the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

By His Excellency's Command,

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