

An act or Ordinance to prevent Persons practising Physic & Surgery within the Province of Quebec or Midwifery in the Towns of Quebec & Montreal without Licence

Whereas many Inconveniences have arisen to His Majesty's Subjects in this Province from unskilful Persons Practising Physic and Surgery, Be it enacted by His Excellency The Governor and ~~Commander in Chief and by and with the advice and Consent~~ of the Legislative Council that after the first — day of November next, no person whatsoever shall on any pretence sell, vend or distribute, Medicines, or prescribe for sick persons for Gain, or practise Physic or Surgery within the Province or practise Midwifery in the Towns of Quebec & Montreal or the Suburbs thereof without Licence first had and obtained from His Excellency the Governor or The Commander in Chief of the Province for the time being, which Licence shall not be granted but upon certificate of the Person's, 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 Person 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 registered 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 & three months Imprisonment for every subsequent Offence committed against the true Intent & meaning of this Ordinance, to be recovered in the Court of the Common Pleas of the