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REGULATIONS

OF THE

ESTABLISHMENT

FOR THE RELIEF OF

INDIGENT SICK EMIGRANTS,

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, MADE BY VIRTUE OF AN ACT
OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE PROVINCE OF

LOWER-CANADA,

MADE AND PASSED IN THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE REIGN
OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY, INTITULED,

*“ An Act to appropriate a certain Sum of Money therein
“ mentioned, for the relief of Indigent Sick Emi-
“ grants from the United-Kingdom.”*

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4. GEORGE IV. C A P. VII.

An Act to appropriate a certain Sum of Money therein mentioned, for the Relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants from the United Kingdom.

(22d March, 1823.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WHEREAS it is expedient to appropriate a Sum of Money for the Relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants from the United Kingdom, until permanent Establishments for the Relief of Indigent Sick of all denominations can be made in addition to those which already exist. May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,*" and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, by a Warrant or Warrants under his hand, to

advance from and out of any unappropriated funds in the hands of the Receiver General of the Province, during the present year, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, for the relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants in the City of Quebec, a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty pounds, currency, to be placed in the hands of the Justices of the Peace residing in the aforesaid City of Quebec, and to be by them specially employed for the purposes of this Act, and in and about such Establishment intended for the Relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants from the United Kingdom as may be, or be placed under the Superintendance of such Justices of the Peace; that is to say, in furnishing subsistence for Indigent Sick Emigrants in such Establishments, for procuring beds and bedsteads, blankets and sheets for their use, for house rent, fuel, hire of stoves, wages to a steward, matron, female servants and attendants and their subsistence, for washing, candles, medicines, necessary house utensils, stationery and so forth.

II. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the aforesaid Justices of the Peace to give free access at all reasonable times and hours to all practising physicians and surgeons and to their pupils or students desiring to see, give or afford *gratis*, professional relief or attendance to any Indigent Sick Emigrant who may be in any such establishment, under the superintendance of such Justices of the Peace.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the aforesaid Justices of the Peace shall have power and authority to make from time to time during the present year, such temporary regulations for the benefit of such Establishment as afore-

said and for the admission or assistance of the Indigent Sick, requiring medical or surgical aid, as to them may upon consulting the practising physicians in the aforesaid City of Quebec, in the practice of attending such establishment, or any three of them appear expedient ; Provided always that such temporary regulations shall be and remain in force until the end of the next Session of the Provincial Legislature and no longer.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Justices of the Peace under whose direction and superintendance the money by this Act appropriated, shall be laid out and expended, shall in the course of fifteen days from the opening of the next Session of the Legislature, lay before the three branches thereof, in the English and French Languages, a detailed and full statement of the manner in which such money shall have been laid out, and expended.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the money appropriated by this Act, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being in such manner and form as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors shall direct.

REGULATIONS, &c.

IT IS ORDERED,

1. That the Medical gentlemen employed in the establishment to be formed for the relief of indigent sick Emigrants shall attend as Physicians and Surgeons,

2. That two Medical Gentlemen do attend weekly at the said establishment, and that no other shall have a right to prescribe during that period, except in cases of absence by illness or other causes, and that they shall have for a longer period, should they express a desire, the privilege of continuing their attendance in the particular cases then under their charge.

3. That it be the duty of the Medical attendants for the time being to prescribe the regimen to the sick, and to attend at the establishment every day at 11 o'clock, A. M.

4. That the Medical attendants be not required to attend *gratis* but at the said establishment.

5. That it is essentially necessary there should be an Apothecary to the establishment, and that the said Apothecary should be a licentiate, if any will accept of the situation.

6. The said Apothecary shall reside at the establishment, and give his regular attendance to the house under the direction of the attending Physicians and Surgeons.

7. That the Magistrates in their weekly sittings may, upon complaint by any of the medical Gentlemen in attendance at the said Establishment of imprudent or improper conduct in any of the Pupils there attending, duly substantiated and proved, deprive such Pupil, first heard in his defence, of the right of attending such Establishment.

8. That the Pupils attending the Establishment shall be under the immediate controul and directions of the Physicians and Surgeons for the Week.

9. Upon the recommendation of the medical Gentlemen, this Court do hereby authorize François Xavier Tessier, a Licentiate in the Medicine and Surgery, to reside and be boarded according to the system to be adopted in that behalf, and there to give his regular attendance as Apothecary, to act under the direction of the Medical and Surgical practitioners attending the establishment; and for the services of the said François Xavier Tessier in the capacity aforesaid, there is allowed him out of the funds at the disposal of the Justices of the Peace for the purposes of the Act, a sum of fifty pounds currency.

10. That when an Emigrant shall produce a Certificate of Indigence from a Minister of his persuasion, or the Master of the Vessel in which he may have arrived, and of sickness from the Physician or Surgeon of the week, such person may be admitted into the said Establishment by order of a Magistrate.

11. That the said Establishment shall be visited twice a week by two Magistrates in turn, and that it shall be their duty to visit and inspect the House and the Accounts of the expenditure of the said Establishment and see that all is right.

12. On the admission of every Patient the Steward shall take charge of his necessaries, and be responsible for them. The pack or truck is to be ticketed, and the Patient shall not on any occasion have access to it without the knowledge and permission of the Steward.

13. The Steward shall superintend the cleaning of the wards early every morning, and as frequently during the day as circumstances may render necessary, tak-

ing care that every nuisance be removed as soon as possible. He shall see that every Patient have his face and Hands washed, and his Hair combed before the medical Gentlemen visit the Hospital: that those men who are able to sit up, fold up their bedding and sweep under the beds every morning by six o'clock in summer, and eight in winter: that they separate their Bedding and air it every day for two hours in fine weather, and that they render any assistance to their sick comrades which the attending medical Gentlemen may think compatible with their state.

14. The Steward shall take charge of the bedding, utensils, and other hospital stores, for which he is answerable to the Apothecary, who is responsible to the Magistrates for any damage or loss.

15. The duty of the Nurse shall be to prepare the diet for the sick, to attend to the cleaning of the wards, and unless her time be otherwise occupied by a heavy sick list, to wash the Hospital Bedding and Towels.

16. As quietness and rest are absolutely required in an Hospital, great care is to be taken that every duty be performed with the least possible noise, and that at night the house be perfectly quiet, every man must be in bed by eight o'clock in winter and nine in summer and no conversation permitted after that time.

17. Every patient previous to admission into the Hospital shall have his whole body made perfectly clean with warm water and soap. He should put on a clean shirt, and his clothes be purified.

18. The diet table shall be fairly written out, posted on a board and hung up in a conspicuous place in every

ward of the Hospital. The diet roll shall be filled up daily and signed weekly by the attending medical Gentlemen and be regularly filed for future inspection. As this serves with the Hospital Book for a Voucher of the weekly return, it behoves the apothecary to be very circumspect in its detail, for if, on inspection any charges appear in one of them which are not supported by the other, the expence will inevitably fall on himself.

19. The Apothecary shall provide the meat, bread and every other article of diet required for the sick in Hospital, which shall be charged in the weekly returns. The meat is to be of good quality and of pieces best calculated for making broth, and the bread is to be of the best household sort.

20. The general Expenditure of the Hospital is under the immediate direction of the Apothecary, who is responsible for the due appropriation of the money as well as the general conduct of the Hospital and of the servants attached thereto.

21. Noah Freer, Esquire, cashier of the Quebec Bank, is to be requested to be the Treasurer of the Institution, and to pay the money from time to time to the Apothecary, on a check from one of the Chairmen of the Quarter Session.

22. A diary shall be kept of the admission and discharge of each patient, in which the name, age, disease, diet and treatment are to be inserted.

23. There shall be kept a weekly diet Roll, certified by the medical Gentlemen attending, which shall be hung up in a conspicuous part of the Hospital until the expiration of the period to which it applies, when it is to be preserved for future reference.

24. There shall be made a weekly return of the Hospital Expenditure, which is to be regularly transmitted to the Chairmen of the Quarter Session, and a counterpart kept in a Book by the Apothecary.

25. There shall be made a half yearly return of Medicines, Bedding and Stores, which shall be transmitted in the same manner as is pointed out in the preceding article.

26. A monthly report of the proceedings of this Court shall be submitted to His Excellency by either of the Chairmen.

27. Resolved, That in all unforeseen cases of difficulty respecting the administration of the concerns of the Emigrant Hospital, or the treatment of the Sick Persons therein, it is the opinion of this Court, that recourse ought, in the first instance, to be had for a rule of decision to the practice observed in cases perfectly analogous in the London Hospital, so far as such practice may be applicable.

28. That Thomas Homer be and he is hereby appointed Steward of the Hospital, and Margaret, wife of the said Homer, Matron thereof, with wages for the services of them both at the rate of Twelve Dollars per month.

29. That in lieu of all rations, the Hospital Apothecary and the Steward of the Hospital and his family have an allowance of One shilling and three-pence per diem to each, that is to say, to the Apothecary and the Steward, to commence on the 15th June, instant.

Testified
Wm. D. Derrault
Chairman of the Court

