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CAP. XXXIII.

An Act for the better Management of County Rates. [12th *July* 1858.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Eighty-one, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend the Statutes relating to the Assessment and Collection of County Rates in* England *and* Wales, the Justices of the Peace of the several Counties or Divisions of Counties in *England* and *Wales* are respectively empowered to appoint a Committee for the Purpose of preparing a Basis or Standard for fair and equal County Rates to be made in their respective Counties and Divisions: And whereas by the Fifty-first Section of the said Act it is amongst other things declared that in the Construction of the said Act the Word "County" shall mean and include any Riding or Division having a separate Commission of the Peace or separate County Treasurer: And whereas certain Counties having One Commission of the Peace are for certain Purposes divided into separate Divisions, each Division having a separate County Treasurer, and such Divisions have been unequally assessed, and Doubts are entertained concerning the Application of the said Act in such Counties, and it is expedient that the Provisions of the said Act should be deemed and declared to be applicable to such Counties generally, and not to separate Divisions thereof particularly: 15 & 16 Vict. c. 81.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Provisions of 15 & 16 Vict. c. 81. to apply to Counties having separate Divisional County Treasurers.

I. In any County having One Commission of the Peace, and being divided into separate Divisions, having each a separate County Treasurer, the Provisions of the Act passed in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Eighty-one, for the Purpose of preparing the Basis or Standard as aforesaid, may be taken and considered to apply to the whole of such County generally, and not to separate Divisions thereof particularly, notwithstanding any Provision contained in the Fifty-first Section of the said Act.

Justices of Divisions to raise all CountyRates and to administer all Disbursements thereout in such Divisions as heretofore.

II. The Justices of such Divisions shall nevertheless at their General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or at any Adjournment thereof, raise all County Rates and administer all Disbursements thereout in respect of Expenses incurred in and for such Divisions, in like Manner as they may have heretofore been accustomed to raise and administer the same in such Divisions: Provided always, that the Justices usually acting in Two or more of such Divisions may, if they shall think fit, at any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held in each of such Divisions by an Order of such several Sessions, agree to raise and administer such Disbursements jointly, and such Divisions shall, on and after the making of such Orders as aforesaid, be considered for the Purposes aforesaid as One Division only and not separate Divisions: Provided also, that any Sum heretofore levied or which may be levied hereafter for Expenses incurred generally for the whole of any such County shall be levied and paid by the Divisions of such County, in proportion to the total Assessment of such Divisions respectively, as ascertained by the Basis or Standard aforesaid.

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