Amount of the Expenses incurred in respect of such additional Works, such Sum by any such Award to be charged upon and paid out of the several Lands of the Proprietors so benefited by such additional Works, in such Proportion as may appear to the said Commissioners just, and in the same Manner, and with the same Priority, Rights, and Powers for the Recovery thereof, as in the said Acts, or any of them, are given for the Recovery of any Sum charged under the Final Award of the said Commissioners in any District: Provided always, that the total Amount of the Expenses to be charged in respect of such additional Works shall not exceed the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

Acts to be construed as One Act.

XVII. The several Acts mentioned in this Act shall be construed together as One Act; and the several Words and Expressions to which an extended Signification is given in the said Acts, or any of them, shall have the like Signification as this Act; and (save where such Construction would be inconsistent with the Context) the Expression "the Commissioners" where used in this Act, shall mean the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland*.

CAP. CXI.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading. [14th *August* 1855.]

'WHEREAS by the Custom of Merchants a Bill of Lading of Goods being transferable by Endorsement the Property in the Goods may thereby pass to the Endorsee, but nevertheless all Rights in respect of the Contract contained in the Bill of Lading continue in the original Shipper or Owner, and it is expedient that such Rights should pass with the Property: And whereas it frequently happens that the Goods in respect of which Bills of Lading purport to be signed have not been laden on board, and it is proper that such Bills of Lading in the Hands of a *bonâ fide* Holder for Value should not be questioned by the Master or other Person signing the same on the Ground of the Goods not having been laden as aforesaid:' 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:

Rights under Bills of Lading to vest in Consignee or Endorsee.

I. Every Consignee of Goods named in a Bill of Lading, and every Endorsee of a Bill of Lading to whom the Property in the Goods therein mentioned shall pass, upon or by reason of such Consignment or Endorsement, shall have transferred to and vested in him all Rights of Suit, and be subject to the same Liabilities in respect of such Goods as if the Contract contained in the Bill of Lading had been made with himself.

Not to affect Right of Stoppage in transitu or Claims for Freight.

II. Nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect any Right of Stoppage *in transitu*, or any Right to claim Freight against the original Shipper or Owner, or any Liability of the Consignee or Endorsee by reason or in consequence of his being such Consignee or Endorsee, or of his Receipt of the Goods by reason or in consequence of such Consignment or Endorsement.

Bill of Lading in Hands of Consignee, &c. conclusive Evidence of the Shipment as against Master, &c.

Proviso.

III. Every Bill of Lading in the Hands of a Consignee or Endorsee for valuable Consideration representing Goods to have been shipped on board a Vessel shall be conclusive Evidence of such Shipment as against the Master or other Person signing the same, notwithstanding that such Goods or some Part thereof may not have been so shipped, unless such Holder of the Bill of Lading shall have had actual Notice at the Time of receiving the same that the Goods had not been in fact laden on board: Provided, that the Master or other Person so signing may exonerate himself in respect of such Misrepresentation by showing that it was caused without any Default on his Part, and wholly by the Fraud of the Shipper, or of the Holder, or some Person under whom the Holder claims.