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CAP. XXVIII.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to County Buildings. [8th *June* 1847.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to provide for repairing, improving, and rebuilding Shire Halls, County Halls, and other Buildings for holding the Assizes and Grand Sessions, and also Judges Lodgings, throughout* England *and* Wales, certain Powers and Authorities were given to the Justices of the Peace of any County, Riding, or Division in *England* and *Wales*, assembled at General or Quarter Sessions, and certain Provisions were made relative to the altering and repairing of any Shire Hall or County Hall accustomably made use of for holding the Assizes or Sessions of the Peace for any County, Riding, or Division, and to the building of a Shire Hall or County Hall, and to the purchasing any Houses, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments for that Purpose, and to the conveying the same to Trustees, and to the defraying the Expences thereby incurred, and to raising Money for the same: And whereas it was by the said Act declared that the Powers therein contained should not extend to any Halls or other Buildings not being the Property of Counties, Ridings, or Divisions of Counties, or holden in trust for them: And whereas by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, for explaining and amending the first-recited Act, it was enacted that the said Powers, 7 G. 4. c. 63. 7 W. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 24.

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Authorities, and Provisions should authorize the building, altering, and repairing of any Shire Hall or County Hall or other Building used partly as a Shire Hall and partly as a Town Hall, in those Cases in which such Assizes and Sessions as aforesaid had been usually holden in some Town Hall or other Building not belonging exclusively to such County, Riding, or Division: And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether the Justices at General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for any County, Riding, or Division have Power, under the said Acts or either of them, to build any Shire or County Hall, or to purchase Land for the Erection of the same, or to raise Money for that Purpose, where the Assizes or Sessions for such County, Riding, or Division have heretofore been usually holden in the Town Hall of some City or Town not being the Property of the County or Riding for which such Assizes or Sessions are holden: Be it declared and 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, That all the Powers, Authorities, and Provisions in the said Acts contained relative to the building of any new Shire Hall or County Hall, and to the purchasing of any Houses, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments for that Purpose, and to defraying the Expence of such building and Purchase, and to raising Money for the same, shall be deemed to apply to and to authorize and to have authorized the building of any new Shire Hall or County Hall, and the purchasing of any Houses, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments for that Purpose, and the defraying the Expence of such building and Purchase, and the raising of Money for the same, although the Assizes or Sessions of the Peace for the County, Riding, or Division have theretofore been usually holden in the Town Hall of some City or Town not being the Property of the County, Riding, or Division, and whether such Town Hall shall or shall not be pulled down; and the Houses, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so purchased shall be conveyed to such Persons as the said Justices shall from Time to Time think fit to direct, in trust for the County, Riding, or Division; and such Houses, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and such new Shire Hall or County Hall, shall be and be held for the exclusive Use of the County, Riding, or Division.

Powers of recited Act and 7 W. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 24. relative to the building of any new Shire Hall, &c. deemed to apply to the building, &c., although Assizes, &c. have heretofore been held in some Place not being the Property of the County.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

Act may be amended, &c.

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