CAP. XLIV.

An Act to amend an Act of last Session, to provide for the Establishment of a National Gallery of Paintings, Sculpture, and the Fine Arts, for the Care of a Public Library, and the Erection of a Public Museum, in *Dublin*.

[2d *July* 1855.]

17 & 18 Vict. c. 99.

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the last Session of Parliament, to provide, amongst other things, for the Establishment of a National Gallery of Paintings, Sculpture, and the Fine Arts in *Ireland*, and it is expedient to amend the said Act as herein-after mentioned:' 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:

Donors of Ten Pounds to vote at Election of Governors.

I. So much of the Twelfth Section of the said recited Act as enables Persons who shall have made a Donation to the Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of *Ireland*, for the Purposes of their Trust, of not less than Two Guineas in Money, to vote at the Election and Nomination of Persons to fill Vacancies in such Governors and Guardians, shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and the Privilege of voting at such Election and Nomination shall extend and apply only to every Donor of Money to the said Governors and Guardians of a Sum not less than Ten Pounds in Money: Provided always, that the Provisions of the said Act for the Election and Nomination of Governors and Guardians of the said Gallery shall not hereby be affected (except as herein-after mentioned), further or otherwise than by substituting Donors of not less than Ten Pounds in Money for Donors of not less than Two Guineas in Money, as aforesaid.

Donors of Ten Pounds to any Fund transferred to the Governors of the National Gallery to vote at Election of Governors.

II. Every Person who shall have been a Subscriber of a Sum not less than Ten Pounds in Money to any Fund raised by public Subscription, and appropriated for the Purposes of the said National Gallery by the Subscribers to such Fund or the Trustees thereof (by and with the Consent of the Governors and Guardians of the said Gallery, or of the Building Trustees created by the said Act of last Session for the Purposes of their Trust respectively), shall be deemed a Donor of the like Sum to the Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of *Ireland*, and shall be entitled to vote and take part at such Elections of Governors and Guardians to the said Gallery, as in the said Act and herein-before mentioned.

Joint Donors entitled to vote at Elections of Governors, &c.

III. In every Case where a Subscription exceeding Ten Pounds in Money to the said Governors and Guardians, or to any Fund appropriated as aforesaid, shall have been or shall hereafter be made jointly by Two or more Donors, each of such joint Donors shall be entitled to vote at such Elections of Governors and Guardians, as herein-before mentioned, in case the Amount of such joint Subscription when divided by the Number of such joint Donors shall give a net Subscription of Ten Pounds or upwards for each of such Donors, but not otherwise.

Five to be a Quorum of the Board of Governors, &c.

IV. At all Meetings of the Body Corporate of the Governors and Guardians of the said National Gallery Five shall be a Quorum for the Transaction of Business: Provided nevertheless, that no Painting, Statue, or other Work of Art shall be purchased for the said Gallery, or out of the Funds of the said Body Corporate, unless such Purchase shall be authorized by a Resolution of the said Governors and Guardians passed at a Meeting at which at least Nine Members of the said Body Corporate shall be present.

Power to Public Bodies to deposit Works of Art in the National Gallery of Ireland.

V. It shall be lawful for the Governors, Directors, or Trustees of every public Institution, and for the Governing Body of every Corporation, having or which shall have or be possessed, in trust or otherwise, of any Statue, Painting, or other Work of Art, and they and every of them are hereby empowered, by and with the Consent of the said Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of *Ireland*, from Time to Time to deposit the same in the Custody and Charge of the last-mentioned Governors and Guardians, for Exhibition, for and during such Time and Times, and subject to such Conditions for securing the proper Care and Preservation of such Works of Art, as may be agreed upon; and it shall be lawful for the said Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of *Ireland*, out of the Funds of the said Body Corporate, from Time to Time to expend such Sums of Money as they may

may think proper in defraying the Expense of the Transmission to and from their Gallery and of the Insurance of any Works of Art as may from Time to Time be lent to or deposited with the said Governors and Guardians by any public Bodies, Trustees, or private Individuals.

VI. The Eleventh Section of the said Act of last Session shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and each of the Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of *Ireland*, save and except the First Five of them mentioned in the Seventh Section of the said Act, shall continue to hold Office, subject to the Provisions of the said Act, for the Term of Five Years at a Time from the Time of his becoming such Governor and Guardian, and not longer, but at the Expiration of such Five Years he shall be eligible to be re-appointed or re-elected as such Governor and Guardian.

17 & 18 Vict. c. 99. s. 11. repealed as far as regards Number of outgoing Governors.

VII. This Act shall be construed with the said Act of last Session as One Act; and in all Acts, Deeds, Documents, Proceedings, Suits, and Prosecutions this Act and the said Act of last Session may be cited and described by the Name of "The National Gallery of *Ireland* Acts, 1854–55."

This Act and 17 & 18 Vict. c. 99. as One.

Short Title.

CAP. XLV.

An Act for further assimilating the Practice in the County Palatine of *Lancaster* to that of other Counties with respect to the Trial of Issues from the Superior Courts at *Westminster*. [16th *July* 1855.]

'WHEREAS by the Common Law Procedure Act, 1852, Section One hundred and three, it was enacted, that Records of the Superior Courts at Common Law should be brought to Trial and entered and disposed of in the Counties Palatine in the same Manner as in other Counties: And whereas it was provided by the Fifth Section of the Twenty-fourth Chapter of an Act passed in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, that Justices of Assize to be made and assigned within the County Palatine of *Lancaster* should be made and ordained by Commission under the King's usual Seal of *Lancaster*, and in pursuance of the said Proviso One Chief Justice and One other Justice, being respectively Judges of the Superior Courts at *Westminster*, have been from Time to Time constituted and ordained, by Grants contained in separate Letters Patent under the Seal of the County Palatine of *Lancaster*: And whereas it is expedient to make further Provision for assimilating the Practice of the said County Palatine of *Lancaster* to that of other Counties, with respect to the Trial of Issues from the Superior Courts of Common Law at *Westminster*;' 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, as follows: It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, hereafter to issue Commissions of Assize under the Seal of the County Palatine of *Lancaster* directed to the Judges appointed for the Time being to the respective Offices of Chief Justice and Justice of Common Pleas within the said County Palatine of *Lancaster*, and to such of Her Majesty's Council learned in the Law, Serjeants and Barristers-at-Law, having Patents of Precedence, or Precedence within the Bar, of the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, and other Serjeants-at-Law to be from Time to Time selected for that Purpose, authorizing and commanding them to take all the Assizes, Juries, and Certificates, before whatever Justices arraigned, in the said County of *Lancaster*, in like Manner and with the like Effect as such Commissions are issued into other Counties, together with the like Writs or Commissions of Association, and other Writs and Proceedings, as in other Counties, and that every Person so authorized shall have the like Power to be and act as a Judge or Commissioner of Assize for the Trial of Issues from the Superior Courts of Law at *Westminster* and other issues in the said County Palatine of *Lancaster* as any Person so authorized has in any other County, and shall also be deemed to be authorized by such Commission, and shall thereby have full Authority to act as a Judge for the Trial of any Issues of Fact in any Causes depending in the said Court of Common Pleas at *Lancaster*: Provided, and it is declared, that nothing herein contained shall deprive the

Her Majesty may issue Commissions to Chief Justice, &c. of Common Pleas in the County Palatine of Lancaster, &c. authorizing them to take all the Assizes, Juries, &c. in the said County in like Manner as in other Counties.