CHAPTER 14.

An Act to enable County Authorities in South Wales to take over and contribute towards certain Bridges, and to remove doubts as to the liability to repair the Highways over and adjoining certain Bridges which have been rebuilt. [3rd June 1881.]

WHEREAS Part I. of the Highways and Locomotives (Amendment) Act, 1878, does not, except as to the twenty-seventh section thereof, apply to any county to which the Act passed in a session of Parliament holden in the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for "the better management and control of the highways in South "Wales," extends: 41 & 42 Vict. c. 77. 23 & 24 Vict. c. 68.

And whereas it is expedient that powers similar to those contained in sections twenty-one and twenty-two of the first-mentioned Act, and also in section two of the County Bridges Loans Extension Act, 1880, for taking over and contributing towards certain bridges and for borrowing money for the latter purpose, should be conferred upon the county authorities in South Wales: 43 & 44 Vict. c. 5.

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:

Title and extent of Act.

1. This Act may be cited as the South Wales Bridges Act, 1881, and shall extend only to the several counties in South Wales; that is to say, the counties of Glamorgan, Brecknock, Radnor, Carmarthen, Pembroke, and Cardigan.

Certain existing bridges may be accepted by county authority. 43 G. 3. c. 59.

2. Any bridge erected before the passing of this Act in any county without such superintendence as is provided in section five of the statute of the forty-third year of King George the Third, chapter fifty-nine, and which is certified by the county surveyor or other person appointed in that behalf by the county authority to be in good repair and condition, shall, if the county authority see fit so to order, become and be deemed to be a bridge which the inhabitants of the county shall be liable to maintain and repair.

Contribution out of county rates towards erecting bridges.

3. The county authority may make such contribution as it sees fit out of the county rates towards the cost of any bridge to be hereafter erected, after the same has been certified, in accordance with the provisions of section five of the statute of the forty-third year of King George the Third, chapter fifty-nine, as a proper bridge to be maintained by the inhabitants of the county; so always that such contribution shall not exceed one half of the cost of erecting such bridge.

Extension of power to borrow under 4 & 5 Vict. c. 49.

4. Where the county authority see fit to make a contribution towards the cost of a bridge erected as in this Act mentioned, they may borrow on mortgage of the county rate all or any part of the amount of such contribution, in the same manner in every respect as if the amount to be borrowed had been the amount of an estimate made and approved in the manner mentioned in the Act passed in a session of Parliament holden in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to "provide for repairing. improving, and rebuilding county bridges," 4 & 5 Vict. c. 49.

and all the powers, directions, and provisions of that Act shall extend and apply to the moneys borrowed under this Act; provided that the sum required for or towards any such contribution as aforesaid may be borrowed in exercise of the power hereby conferred, although the same shall not exceed one fourth of the amount of the ordinary annual assessment referred to in the said Act of the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her present Majesty.

Repair of roads over and adjoining bridges rebuilt.

5. Where a bridge has been or shall be built by the county authority, or, with their consent, in substitution for another bridge which the county authority were liable to repair, the liability to repair the highway leading to, passing over, and next adjoining the bridge so substituted shall attach to the county authority, highway authority, person or persons who were liable to repair the highway leading to, passing over, and next adjoining the bridge previously existing, whether the substituted bridge is built on the same site or not.

Interpretation.

6. In this Act—

"County" means any county, division, or liberty having a separate court of quarter sessions of the peace:

"County authority" means the justices of a county in general or quarter sessions assembled:

"Highway authority" includes a county roads board, highway board, and any other body of persons liable to repair the highways.

CHAPTER 15.

An Act to apply the sum of Six million nine hundred and seventy-five thousand six hundred and twenty-seven pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

[27th June 1881.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, towards making good the supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the sum herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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:

Issue of 6,975,627*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 31st March 1882.

1. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the time being may issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and apply towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight