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Cap. iii.

An Act to amend and enlarge the Powers of an Act passed in the First and Second Years of His present Majesty, for erecting a County Hall and Courts of Justice, and also for providing Accommodation for His Majesty's Justices of Assize, in and for the County of *Worcester*.

[22d *March* 1837.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for erecting a County Hall and Courts of Justice, and also for providing Accommodation for His Majesty's Justices of Assize, in and for the County of* Worcester, whereby the Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Worcester* assembled at the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County to be held next after the passing of the said Act, or at any subsequent General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County, or at any Adjournment thereof respectively, were authorized and empowered to purchase or provide a Site, and to build and erect, or cause to be built and erected, on the Ground so to be purchased or provided for the Purposes of that Act, a new County Hall, Courts of Justice, Offices, and Lodgings for the Accommodation of His Majesty's Judges of Assize for the said County, and all such other proper and necessary Erections, Buildings, and Conveniences of every Description, and sufficient Outlets thereto, as the said Justices should deem expedient; and also to fit up

1 & 2 W. 4. c. 48.

and furnish, or cause to be fitted up and furnished, in a complete and effectual Manner, the said new County Hall, Courts of Justice, Offices, and Judges Lodgings, as they should deem meet and expedient; and by the said Act the said Justices in Quarter Sessions assembled were further authorized and empowered to raise, borrow, and take up at Interest any Sum of Money on the Credit of the Rates or Assessments of the said County, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Twenty-five thousand Pounds, for defraying the Costs and Expences incident to or attending the passing of the said Act, and in carrying the several Powers thereof into execution, and to mortgage or assign the said Rates as a Security for the Money so to be borrowed, together with the Interest thereof: And whereas the said Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Worcester* in Quarter Sessions assembled, pursuant to the Powers vested in them by the said Act, have caused a Site to be purchased, and have made considerable Progress in the Erection of the said County Hall and Courts of Justice, and also a Dwelling House for the Use of His Majesty's Justices of Assize; and in order to defray the Expence thereof the said Justices did, in and previous to the Month of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, borrow the Sum of Twenty-five thousand Pounds, being the whole Sum authorized by the said Act to be raised on Security of the Rates authorized by the said Act to be levied: And whereas it has been ascertained that the said Buildings cannot be completed, fitted up, and furnished for the Sum which the said Justices of the Peace are authorized to raise under the said Act, owing to the Site having been more expensive than was at first intended, and to some unforeseen Difficulties and Expences which occurred during the Progress of the Work; and it is necessary, for the due Execution of the Powers of the said Act, and for completing the said Buildings, that Power should be given for raising a further Sum of Money by or out of the Rates or Assessments of the said County of *Worcester*, or on the Security thereof: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King'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 the said recited Act passed in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His said present Majesty, and all and every the Powers, Provisoes, Exemptions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Payments, Remedies, Matters, and Things therein contained, either expressly or by way of Reference, shall be extended to this Act, and shall be as good, valid, and effectual for carrying this Act into execution as if the same respectively had been repeated, referred to, and re-enacted in the Body of this Act, and the said Act and this Act shall be construed together as one Act.

Extending the Powers of the recited Act to this Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Worcester*, or the major Part of them, in Quarter Sessions assembled, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in addition to the Sum of Twenty-five thousand Pounds authorized to be raised by the said recited Act, to raise any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole, exclusive of Interest, the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, by all or any of the Ways and Means by which the said Justices of the Peace were by the said recited Act empowered to raise the said Sum of Twenty-five thousand Pounds.

Power to raise an additional Sum of Money not exceeding 10,000*l.*

III. And

Special County Rates to be made, not exceeding Two-pence in the Pound in any One Year.

III. And be it further enacted, That in order to defray the necessary Expences for the Execution of the said recited Act and of this Act, the said Justices of the Peace, at their said General or Quarter Sessions, or at any Adjournment thereof, may and shall from Time to Time assess and tax a special County Rate or Rates, not exceeding Two-pence in the Pound in any One Year, as well on all Places which at the Time of the passing of the said recited Act were liable to contribute to the County Rate (except as herein-after mentioned) as on the several Parishes situate within or constituting the Borough of *Evesham* in the said County, which said special County Rate shall and may be collected, levied, and recovered in like Manner, and by such Ways and Means, and under such Penalties, as any ordinary County Rate may by Law be collected, levied, and recovered: Provided nevertheless, that the several Parishes and Parts of Parishes which by the Operation of an Act made and passed in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to provide for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in* England *and* Wales, are taken out of the County of *Worcester*, and are added to and are henceforth to be deemed Part of the City of *Worcester*, shall not be assessed or rated to any County Rate to be made and levied under the Authority of the said recited Act or of this Act. 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 76.

Justices to make Provision that the whole Money borrowed shall be repaid by 1st January 1856.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Justices of the Peace for the said County in Quarter Sessions assembled shall and they are hereby required to make Provision, by means of special County Rates as aforesaid, and by their Orders and Directions, (which they are hereby authorized to give,) in such Manner that the whole Money to be borrowed under the Authority of this or the said recited Act, together with the Interest thereon, shall be fully paid and discharged on or before the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

Application of Money to be raised.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Justices of the Peace shall, by and out of the Monies hereby authorized to be raised, in the first place pay and defray the Costs, Charges, and Expences of applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, and then apply the Residue thereof for the Purposes of the said recited Act.

This Act not to affect Mortgages and Securities under former Act.

VI. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to invalidate, defeat, make void, or in any Manner incumber or affect the Mortgages and Securities which have been made and entered into by the said Justices for securing the said Sums of Six thousand Pounds and Nineteen thousand Pounds, making in the whole the said Sum of Twenty-five thousand Pounds, herein-before mentioned, under the Powers of the said recited Act, or in any Manner to defeat, lessen, or affect the Powers and Remedies which the respective Individuals who advanced the said Sum of Six thousand Pounds, or the Commissioners for the Issue of Exchequer Bills in aid of Public Works, who advanced the said Sum of Nineteen thousand Pounds, now have or at any Time hereafter may have for recovering and compelling Payment of the same Principal Sums respectively, and the Interest thereof, or such Part thereof respectively as is now due and unpaid.

VII. And

Public Act. VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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