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An Act to authorize for One Year, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, the Removal of Prisoners from the several Gaols in *Ireland* in Cases of epidemic Diseases.

[25th *June* 1847.]

WHEREAS Fever and other epidemic Diseases have for some Time prevailed in several Parts of *Ireland:* And whereas the Progress of such Diseases is likely to be much augmented by the Want of proper Accommodation in the Gaols in *Ireland*, and the Number of Persons confined therein: And whereas the Removal of such Prisoners to other Prisons or Places cannot, as the Law now stands, take place without Risk to the Persons to whose Custody such Prisoners respectively may be committed: And whereas Persons remanded or ordered to be imprisoned by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in *Ireland* cannot by any Order of the said Court or otherwise be removed to other Custody; and it is expedient that the Law should in such Cases be amended, for the Benefit and Safety of the Public: Be it therefore

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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 when and so often as any Fever, or other contagious, epidemic, or endemic Disease, shall exist or be apprehended in any City, Town, or Place in *Ireland*, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, by his or their Order, to be signified by his or their Chief Secretary or Under Secretary, to direct that any Person or Persons, being imprisoned in any Gaol, Prison, Bridewell, or other Place of Confinement in any City, Town, or Place in *Ireland*, under or by virtue of any Process, civil or criminal, or under or by virtue of any Order or Writ of any Court of Justice in *Ireland*, shall and may be removed from such Gaol, Prison, Bridewell, or other Place of Confinement to such other Gaol, Prison, or Place of Custody as to such Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* shall seem fit and proper, for and during such Time as to him or them shall appear expedient; and every such Person, when so removed, shall be to all Intents and Purposes deemed and considered to be in the proper legal Custody for and during the Time of such Removal, and for and during such Time as he or she shall be in the Place to which he or she shall be so removed, in like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Person had continued in his or her original Place of Confinement, and had not been by any such Order or otherwise removed from the same; and that no Right, Duty, Authority, Liability, Jurisdiction, Franchise, Power, Privilege, or Function of any Person whatsoever, which if such Removal had not taken place would have existed, or could or might have been used or exercised, shall be in any respect or degree affected, altered, diminished, prejudiced, or varied by or in consequence of any such Removal: Provided always, that in case any such Prisoners shall be removed under the Provisions of this Act from any County, County of a City or County of a Town, into any other County, County of a City or County of a Town, the Expences of the Support and Maintenance of such Prisoners in the Place to which they shall be so removed shall be paid and provided for by the County, County of a City or County of a Town, from which respectively they shall have been so removed, as the same were or ought to be paid or provided for before such Removal; and the Expences of any such Removal under this Act, and of any further Removal of Prisoners, to the original Place of Custody, shall be charged and chargeable on the County, County of a City or County of a Town, from which they shall have been so removed, and shall be paid and provided for in like Manner and subject to like Provisions as are contained in an Act of the First and Second Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to regulate the Expences of conveying Prisoners in* Ireland.

In case of Fever or Contagion existing in any Place in Ireland, Prisoners may be removed from one Gaol to another by Order of the Lord Lieutenant.

1 & 2 Vict. c. 6.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect from and after the passing of the same, and shall continue and be in force for the Space of One Year, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

Commencement and Continuance of Act.

III. And

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

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