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**An Act to amend the Prisons (*Scotland*) Administration Act, 1860, and to explain the Fifty-second and Seventy-seventh Sections of the said Act.**

[5th *July* 1865.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter One hundred and five, intituled *An Act to provide for the Management of the General Prison at* Perth, *and for the Administration of Local Prisons in* Scotland, and it is expedient that the said recited Act should be amended: 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: 23 & 24 Vict. c. 105.

Sect. 33. of recited Act repealed, and Provision as to Building Assessment substituted.

1. The Thirty-third Section of the said recited Act is hereby repealed, and, instead thereof, be it enacted as follows:

At any Meeting to be held for that Purpose, which may be either the First Meeting of the Board after their Appointment or any other Meeting held not later than the Month of *September* thereafter, the County Board may impose an Assessment for the Purpose of defraying the Expenses of building, extending, altering, or repairing any

Local Prison within the County, or of acquiring Lands for such Purpose; and such Assessment shall be called the Building Assessment: Provided that no such Building Assessment shall exceed the Amount which, as set forth in the Twenty-first Annual Report of the General Board of Directors of Prisons, presented to both Houses of Parliament, was or might legally have been estimated for as a Building Fund before the Commencement of the said recited Act for such County, unless the same shall, in Terms of any Agreement or Minute to that Effect laid before the County Board, be consented to by the Commissioners of Supply of such County on behalf of the Landward Part thereof, and by the Town Councils of Burghs situated therein entitled to choose Members of the County Prison Board, on behalf of their respective Burghs, and it shall appear that the Persons on whose Behalf such Consent has been given shall have contributed or been liable to contribute not less than Three Fourths of the Assessments imposed on such County and the Burghs situated therein; and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Supply of each County and the Magistrates of each Burgh respectively to assess and levy such Building Assessment by Instalments over any Number of Years not exceeding Twenty Years, and to borrow Money on the Security of such Assessment, and to assign such Assessment in Security thereof.

Interpretation of Words in Sects. 52. and 77. of recited Act.

**2.** The Words "Sheriff Principal of the County of *Perth*" in the Fifty-second Section of the recited Act mean and shall be held to mean the Sheriff of the said County; and in construing the Seventy-seventh Section of the said recited Act the Expression "Lands adjoining" shall be deemed to include "Lands adjacent," and the Expression "enlarging" shall be deemed to include "improving" or "isolating."

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