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CAP. LXXXV.

An Act to authorize the Application of Money for the Purposes of Loans for carrying on Public Works in *Ireland*. [26th *August* 1846.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the Extension and Promotion of Public Works in* Ireland: And whereas another Act was passed in the Seventh Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act to amend an Act passed in the First and Second Years of His present Majesty, for the Extension and Promotion of Public Works in* Ireland: And whereas another Act was passed in the First Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Acts for the Extension and Promotion of Public Works in* Ireland: And whereas another Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to authorize a further Issue of Exchequer Bills for Public Works and Fisheries and Employment of the Poor; and to amend the Acts relating thereto*: And whereas another Act was passed in the Third Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled

1 & 2 W. 4. c. 33.
6 & 7 W. 4. c. 108.
7 W. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 21.
1 & 2 Vict. c. 88.

2 & 3 Vict. c. 50. tuled *An Act to extend and amend the Provisions of the Acts for the Extension and Promotion of Public Works in* Ireland; *and for the Recovery of Public Monies advanced for the Use of Counties, Parishes, and other Districts in* Ireland, *on the Faith of Grand Jury Presentments and Parochial Assessments:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, 5 & 6 Vict. c. 9. intituled *An Act to authorize the Advance of Money out of the Consolidated Fund to a limited Amount, for carrying on Public Works and Fisheries and Employment of the Poor; and to amend the Acts authorizing the Issue of Exchequer Bills for the like Purposes:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Seventh Year of the 6 & 7 Vict. c. 44. Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Acts for carrying on Public Works in* Ireland: And whereas another Act was passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, 9 & 10 Vict. c. 1. intituled *An Act for the further Amendment of the Acts for the Extension and Promotion of Public Works in* Ireland: And whereas 9 & 10 Vict. c. 80. by an Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to authorize the Advance of Money out of the Consolidated Fund, for carrying on Public Works and Fisheries, and Employment of the Poor*, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being are empowered, by Warrant under the Hands of any Three or more of them, to charge the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and to direct the Issue or Payment thereout to the Account of the Commissioners for the Time being for the Reduction of the National Debt of a Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding Three hundred and sixty thousand Pounds *per Annum* during the Five Years next ensuing the Fourth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, by quarterly Instalments or Issues, not exceeding Ninety thousand Pounds *per* Quarter, the same to become due on the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October* in each Year, the first Instalment thereof to become due and payable on the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven; And whereas sundry Advances or Loans have been made by the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland* under the said first-recited Act, and the several Acts since passed for amending and extending the same, for the Purposes in the same Acts specified, and great Benefits have been derived therefrom, and further Advances or Loans are required for the like Objects: 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, That the Commissioners of Public Works for the Time being shall be Commissioners for the Execution of this Act.

Commissioners for this Act.

II. And

Treasury may out of the 360,000*l.* per Annum granted by 9 & 10 Vict. c. 80. apply a Sum not exceeding 15,000*l.* per Quarter to be applied for Public Works in Ireland.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under the Hands of any Three or more of them, may direct from Time to Time, that out of the Sum not exceeding Three hundred and sixty thousand Pounds *per Annum*, which by the said Act of this present Session of Parliament they are authorized to charge on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and which they are authorized to direct to be paid to the Account of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt during the Term of Five Years next ensuing the Fourth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, by quarterly Instalments or Issues not exceeding Ninety thousand Pounds *per* Quarter, as aforesaid, there shall issue and be paid unto the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt during the said Term of Five Years a Sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand Pounds *per* Quarter, to be at the Disposal of the said Commissioners of Public Works, as herein-after mentioned, such quarterly Instalments or Issues to become due on the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October* in each Year, the first Instalment thereof to become due and payable on the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

A separate Account to be continued at the Bank of England.

III. And be it enacted, That for the Purpose of receiving the said quarterly Instalments the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt shall continue or cause to be continued the separate Account already opened with them at the Bank of *England*, under the Title of "The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of the Public Works Loan Fund for *Ireland*," which Account the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall and they are hereby required to continue in their Books accordingly; and the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt shall continue and keep, or cause to be continued and kept, in their Office, a Book or Books, in which all Monies transferred to the said last-mentioned Account by virtue of this Act, and the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, shall be kept apart from all other Monies, and such Monies shall be by the same Commissioners held subject to the Disposal of the said Commissioners of Public Works for the several Purposes of the said first-recited Act, and the other Acts amending the same, and of this Act.

Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to certify Amount of Loans granted by them,

IV. And be it enacted, That when the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall have sanctioned any Loan under this Act or any of the above-recited Acts, and the said Commissioners of Public Works shall have ascertained that any Sum of Money is required to be issued on account of such Loan, they shall forthwith certify the Amount of such Issue to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the

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the National Debt for the Time being; and in every such Certificate the Loan in Payment of which such Issue is required, and the Party or Parties to whom such Issue is intended to be made, shall be stated; and upon every such Certificate being produced to the Officer of the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, the Comptroller General, or Assistant Comptroller, or Chief Clerk acting under the last-named Commissioners, shall upon the Back of such Certificate endorse and sign an Order for the Payment of the Sum mentioned in such Certificate to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, to be by them placed to the Account of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, for the separate Account and Credit of the Paymaster of Civil Services in *Ireland*, on account of the Public Works Loan Fund for *Ireland*, to be by him paid over on the Warrants of the said Commissioners of Public Works: Provided always, that Approval of such Issue by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall appear on such Certificate under the Hand of One of their Secretaries, and that the Amount of such Issue shall not exceed the Sum for the Time being standing in the Names of the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, subject to the Disposal of the said Commissioners of Public Works.

Upon Certificate being produced, Payment to be made.

Proviso.

Order to be entered by the proper Officer, countersigned by the Actuary, and addressed to the Cashiers of the Bank of England who shall pay the same.

V. And be it enacted, That every such Order of the Officer of the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, before the issuing thereof, shall be entered by the Clerk or other proper Officer, and shall be countersigned by the Actuary or other Check Officer acting under the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and shall be addressed to the Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England;* and such Cashiers, or One of them, shall, upon the Production of every such Order, pay the Sum mentioned therein to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England;* and the Signature of One of the Cashiers of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall be a sufficient Discharge to the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt.

Commissioners for Reduction of National Debt to furnish an annual Account for Audit.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt shall cause to be made up for Examination and Audit an annual Account to the Thirty-first Day of *December* in each Year of the Receipts, Payments, and Balances on the said Account so directed to be kept by them in respect of the said Public Works Loan Fund for *Ireland* as aforesaid, and shall deliver the same to the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts.

Bank of Ireland to continue Account with Paymaster

VII. And be it enacted, That the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* shall continue the Account already opened in their Books with the Paymaster of the Civil Services of *Ireland* under the

Title of "The Paymaster of the Civil Services, on account of the Repayment of Loans for Public Works;" and Monies which shall from Time to Time be repaid in respect of Loans made under this Act, or in respect of the Interest thereof, shall be carried to the Credit of the same Account. of Civil Services of Repayments.

VIII. And be it enacted, That as soon as any Sum of Money shall have been so lodged to the Credit of the said Account of the Paymaster of Civil Services, on account of the Repayment of Loans for Public Works, the said Commissioners of Public Works shall, upon a Notification thereof, cause to be made out and delivered to the said Paymaster of Civil Services a Statement of the proper Appropriation of such Payment, whether for Account of Interest or Principal, or how much for each respectively, upon which the said Paymaster of Civil Services shall cause to be prepared accordingly the proper Receipt or Voucher, and send the same to the said Commissioners of Public Works, who shall thereupon cause the Sum or Sums therein mentioned to be entered on the Books of the said Commissioners to the Credit of the Loan on account of which such Payment shall have been made; and such Receipt, when so entered, shall be delivered to the Party or Person on whose Account such Payment shall have been so made, and such Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Party or Person paying the same. Appropriation and Entry of Repayments.

IX. And be it enacted, That every Sum of Money which shall be paid into the Bank of *Ireland* to the Account of the Paymaster of Civil Services, on account of the Repayment of Loans for Public Works under this Act, shall from Time to Time, immediately on such Payments being made, be transferred to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, to the Account kept by the Bank of *England* with Her Majesty's Exchequer, and when so transferred shall be carried to and made Part of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*. All Sums paid into the Bank of Ireland to be carried to and made Part of the Consolidated Fund.

X. And be it enacted, That all the Enactments contained in the said recited Acts relating to Public Works in *Ireland*, or any of them, shall, except as is herein otherwise provided, extend to this Act, and to all Things done or directed to be done by the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or the said Commissioners of Public Works, or their Secretary for the Time being, or any other Persons or Bodies Corporate, under the Authority of the said recited Acts or this Act, or any of them, in such or the like Manner as if they had been particularly and severally re-enacted in the Body of this Act, or as near thereto as the Difference of the Circumstances will admit, except so far only as the same are amended or altered by any of the said Acts or by this Act. Powers of recited Acts as to Advances to have the same Force as if re-enacted in this Act.

XI. And

Act may be amended, &c.

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

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