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CAP. XLVIII.

An Act to regulate the Expenditure of County Rates and Funds in aid thereof.

[13th *August* 1834.]

WHEREAS by divers Statutes now in force the Justices of the Peace in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, within the respective Limits of their Commissions assembled at their General or Quarter Sessions, or at any Adjournment or Adjournments thereof, are authorized and empowered to make and assess the County Rate, and also to make Orders for the Application or Management of the County Stock or Rate, and of any Fund or Funds used or applied in aid thereof: And whereas Doubts have arisen whether, under the Powers and Directions of the said Statutes, it is requisite that the Business relating to the Assessment, Application, or Management of the said County Stock or Rate, and of the Funds in aid thereof, should be carried on and transacted by the said Justices so assembled as aforesaid publicly and in open Court at such General or Quarter Sessions, or any Adjournment thereof; and a Practice hath in some Counties prevailed of transacting such Business in private, which hath been found inexpedient: And for the Removal of such Doubts, preventing of such Practice for the future, be it declared and 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

All Business relating to the Assessment and Application of County Rate shall be transacted in open Court.

Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act all Business appertaining to the Assessment, Application, or Management of the County Stock or Rate, or of any Fund or Funds used or applied in aid thereof or contributory thereto, or to any Matter or Things whereby or in respect whereof the said County Stock or Rate is or may be chargeable by Law, which by any Statute or Statutes now in force the Justices of the Peace for that Part of *Great Britain* called *England* are authorized and directed to do and transact at the General or Quarter Sessions, or at any Adjournment thereof, shall be done and transacted publicly and in open Court at such General or Quarter Sessions, or Adjournment thereof, and not otherwise; and that no Order of such Justices relating to the Matters aforesaid shall be binding or effectual unless the said Order shall have been made and the Business relating thereto shall have been done and transacted publicly and in open Court as aforesaid.

Notice thereof to be given.

II. And be it enacted, That public Notice shall be given, in Two Newspapers generally circulating in the County, of the Time of holding the General or Quarter Sessions, or any Adjournment thereof, at least Two Weeks before the Time of holding the same, and also of the Day and Hour at which the Business relating to the Assessment, Application, or Management of the County Stock or Rate will commence at such Sessions.

Act to extend to Counties in England and Wales only.

III. And be it enacted, That this Act shall extend and apply only to Justices of the Peace of the several Counties at large in *England* and *Wales* and of the several Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns within the same.

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