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CAP. XXXI.

An Act to give Effect and Validity to certain Contracts and Presentments for repairing and keeping in repair certain Public Roads in *Ireland* and the Sureties entered into for the Execution thereof. [21st *August* 1835.]

WHEREAS at certain Special Sessions held in the County of *Kildare* and in other Counties in *Ireland* previous to the last Spring Assizes, in pursuance of the Provisions of an Act passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to Grand Juries in* Ireland, certain Applications for Presentments for the Repairs of and for keeping in repair certain Public Roads in these Counties respectively were made, and such Applications having been approved of, certain Contracts for executing such Works were entered into, and Security for the Performance thereof given: And whereas such Applications and Contracts were afterwards submitted to the Grand Juries of such Counties respectively, and allowed and approved of by them, and certain Presentments were thereupon made by such Grand Juries, for raising off the said Counties respectively the Sums under such Contracts payable to the Persons therein named for executing the Public Works therein mentioned; and such Sums, or some Parts thereof, have by virtue of

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of such Presentments been levied by the several Collectors of Grand Jury Cess in such Counties, and considerable Portions of such Works have been executed by the Persons named in such Contracts: And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether such Contracts and Presentments have been made in strict Conformity with the Provisions of the said in part recited Act; and as Part of the Public Works therein mentioned has been done, and Part of the Money thereby presented has been raised, and cannot be now repaid, and as there is no other Fund save the Money so presented out of which the Persons who executed such Public Works can be paid, it is expedient to give Validity to such Contracts and Presentments: Be it therefore 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 several Contracts for the Repairs of Public Roads in *Ireland*, or keeping them in repair, entered into at any Special Sessions held before the last Spring Assizes in any County in *Ireland*, and all Applications for Presentments for such Works made at such Sessions, and all Presentments founded thereon made by any Grand Jury at any Assizes held before the passing of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be valid and effectual in Law; (that is to say,) such Contracts shall be valid and effectual as Contracts for One Year, and such Presentments as Presentments for levying the Sums necessary for paying the Sums by such Contracts payable for such Year; and that so much of the several Sums by such Presentments directed to be levied as has not been already levied and raised shall be levied and raised in the same Manner and with the like Powers as any Sum legally presented by a Grand Jury in *Ireland* may be levied or raised; and that the Sum so to be levied, and any Sum heretofore levied or raised under such Presentments, shall be applied as the same would be if such several Presentments had been made legally and in conformity with the Provisions of such in part recited Act; and that the several Persons who would be entitled to be paid the Sums so presented if such Presentments and Contracts had been legally made, shall and may apply for Payment out of the Sums levied or to be levied under such Presentments in the same Manner as any Contractors would be entitled to apply for Payment of any Sum contracted to be paid under the Provisions of the said Act for doing any Public Works; and such Application shall be allowed or rejected and be in all respects treated as any Application under the said Act for Payment of any Sum contracted to be paid and presented under the said Act, and the Decision thereon shall be liable to be traversed as any Decision or any Application under the said Act; and the Money which shall be payable under such Contract, or such Part thereof as shall, upon such Application, be payable, shall be paid in the same Manner as any Money presented and payable under the said Act would be paid.

The several Contracts for the Repairs of Public Roads in Ireland, and all Presentments relating thereto, entered into before the passing of this Act, to be valid and effectual in Law.

II. And be it further enacted, That all Securities given for the due Performance of any such Contracts shall be and the same are hereby declared to be valid Securities, and binding on the several Persons who entered into the same, as fully and effectually, to all

Securities for such Contracts declared to be valid.

Intents and Purposes, as if they were entered into under the Provisions of the said Act as Securities for the due Performance of any Public Work.

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