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GEORGI III. REGIS.

Cap. lxi.

An Act for raising further Sums of Money for building and supporting the *Meath* Hospital and County of *Dublin* Infirmary. [14th June 1819.]

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the Amendment of Public Roads, for directing the Power of Grand Juries respecting Presentments, and for repealing several Laws theretofore made for those Purposes*, it is among other Things enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for any Grand Jury to present any Sum or Sums of Money, to be raised on the County at large, and to be expended in building, rebuilding, repairing, altering, or enlarging any Session House, Gaol, Workhouse, House of Correction, County Infirmary, or other Matter therein mentioned: And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend several Acts for the Management and Direction of the Meath Hospital, or County of Dublin Infirmary, and for the better regulating the same*, it is among other Things enacted, that it should and might be lawful for the Term Grand Jury of the County of *Dublin*, to present to be raised upon that Part of the District of the Metropolis situate in the County of *Dublin*, a Sum not exceeding Five hundred Pounds in the Year, over and above, and exclusive of the respective Annual Sums of One hundred Pounds and Five hundred Pounds Sterling, under and by virtue of the several Acts of Parliament passed in the Fifth and Forty-fifth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty; and which further Sum of Five hundred Pounds, together with the said Sums of One hundred Pounds and Five hundred Pounds, was to be paid to the Governors, or Body Corporate of the said *Meath* Hospital and County of *Dublin* Infirmary, to be applied and appropriated towards the Support or Maintenance of the said Hospital or Infirmary: And whereas Doubts have arisen, whether the Pro-

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visions and Authority made and given by the said herein-before recited Act of the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, empowering and authorising any Grand Jury to present any Sum or Sums of Money, to be raised on the County at large, and to be expended in building, re-building, repairing, altering, or enlarging any Session-house, Gaol, Workhouse, House of Correction, County Infirmary, or other Matter therein mentioned, doth extend to the Term Grand Jury for the County of *Dublin*, but were only applicable to Presentments to be made by Grand Juries attending at Assizes in and for other Counties in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*: And whereas it is expedient that so much and such Parts of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign herein-before mentioned, as relates to the empowering and authorising the Term Grand Jury of the County of *Dublin* to present, to be raised on the District of the Metropolis within the County of *Dublin*, such Sum of Five hundred Pounds, over and above and exclusive of the respective annual Sums of One hundred Pounds and Five hundred Pounds, under and by virtue of the said Acts passed in the Fifth and Forty-fifth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, and the Mode of accounting as therein mentioned for the same should be repealed; and that further Provision and Authority be granted to the Term Grand Jury of the County of *Dublin*, in Addition to those heretofore granted by several Acts of Parliament now in force, to enable them to present certain Sums of Money, to be raised on the County at large, and be expended in building, re-building, repairing, altering, or enlarging the said County Infirmary, and for the Maintenance and Support thereof, as hereinafter mentioned: And whereas the present County of *Dublin* Infirmary and *Meath* Hospital, has been found inconvenient and insufficient for the Purposes intended, and a new Building, to be called "the *Meath* Hospital and County of *Dublin* Infirmary," has been begun and partly erected by the Governors of the aforesaid *Meath* Hospital, and a Sum of Four thousand Pounds, arising from private Donation, has been already laid out and expended by them in the said Buildings, but their Funds are inadequate to complete the same, and it appears by the Accounts returned to the Grand Jury of the County of *Dublin*, by the Governors of the said Hospital, that they have expended in purchasing Ground for a Site for the said Hospital, and in Buildings, the Sum of One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Two-pence Halfpenny, over and above the said Sum of Four thousand Pounds, and the Sum of One thousand four hundred and forty-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eight-pence, still remains due and owing to the different Tradesmen employed on the said Building; may it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 so much of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as relates to the authorizing and empowering the Term Grand Jury of the County of *Dublin* to present, to be raised upon that Part of the District of the Metropolis in the County of *Dublin*, a Sum not exceeding Five hundred Pounds in the Year, (over and above and exclusive of the respective annual Sums of One hundred Pounds and Five hundred Pounds, under and by virtue of the several Acts of Parliament passed in the Fifth and Forty-fifth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, and now remaining in full force with respect to the said Sums so to be presented,) and which

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further Sum of Five hundred Pounds, was to be paid when presented to the Governors or Body Corporate of the said *Meath* Hospital and County of *Dublin* Infirmary, in Manner and for the Purposes therein mentioned, as also the Proviso directing that an Affidavit and Account, as required by an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Twenty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for extending the Provisions of an Act passed in this Kingdom, in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled 'An Act for erecting and establishing Public Infirmaries or Hospitals,'* be first laid before such Grand Jury, previous to any such Presentment being made, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Term Grand Jury of the County of *Dublin*, to raise by Presentment on the County at large, any Sum or Sums of Money they shall think fit and proper, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Five thousand Pounds, to be expended in discharging the aforesaid Debt of One thousand four hundred and forty-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eight-pence, and in completing and finishing the aforesaid new Building, to be called "The *Meath* Hospital and County of *Dublin* Infirmary;" the aforesaid Sum of Five thousand Pounds, to be raised in such Instalments as the said Grand Jury shall think fit and proper at each presenting Term; the first Instalment to be applied by the said Governors to the Liquidation of the aforesaid Sum of One thousand four hundred and forty-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eight-pence, they previously furnishing an Account on Oath of the Money already expended on the said Building, and the Debt now due to be sworn by One of the Governors of the said Hospital, or the Architect concerned in erecting the said Building, before One of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench, in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*: Provided always, that no Money shall be presented for completing the said Building, unless there be laid before the Grand Jury an Affidavit sworn by Two credible Persons before One of the Judges of the said Court of King's Bench, or before Two Justices of the Peace for the County of *Dublin*, setting forth that the Hospital and Infirmary cannot be completed to the best of their Judgment for a less Sum than the Sum required; and also that no Money shall be paid by the Treasurer of the said County, on account of the said Presentment (except as is herein-before provided) until the Governors for the Time being of the said Hospital shall lay before the Grand Jury an Account of the Expenditure of the Sums so advanced, verified by the Affidavit of the Architect or Overseer employed by them, sworn before One of the Judges of the said Court of King's Bench, or Two Justices of the Peace for the County of *Dublin*, and which Affidavit shall state that the whole Sum so advanced was expended faithfully and honestly, to the best of his Judgment and Knowledge, and for the sole Purpose of executing the Work pursuant to the said Presentment.

Power for Grand Jury to raise Money for completing the Hospital;

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Grand Jury at each Presenting Term, to present such further or other additional Sum, not exceeding the Sum of Five hundred Pounds in any One Year, to be appropriated to the Maintenance and Support of the said Hospital and Infirmary when built, as they shall think fit and proper, over and above, and exclusive of the respective annual Sums of One hundred

and a further annual Sum for the Support of the Hospital.

hundred Pounds and Five hundred Pounds Sterling, under and by virtue of the said several Acts of Parliament: Provided always, that no such additional Sum shall be granted for the Maintenance and Support of the said Hospital and Infirmary, until all the Instalments of the said Sum of Five thousand Pounds shall be first raised and expended for the Purposes aforesaid; and that the said additional Sum for the Maintenance and Support of the said Hospital and Infirmary, when granted, shall not create any additional Charge upon the County at large, over and above the Sum the Grand Jury are at present enabled to present on the County at large, namely, One Shilling *per Part*, under and by virtue of an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for making, widening, and repairing Public Roads in the County of Dublin, and for repealing Parts of several Acts formerly made for that Purpose*; and provided also, that no such Presentment shall be made by such Grand Jury until the Treasurer or Registrar of the said Hospital or Infirmary, for the Time being, or One of them shall at every such Presenting Term, set forth by Affidavit, by Way of Debtor and Creditor, a true and exact State of the Funds and Expences of the said Hospital or Infirmary, and also the Number of Patients admitted therein, and the Place from whence they came, commencing from the presenting Term last preceding to the then presenting Term, such Affidavit to be sworn before One of the Judges of the said Court of King's Bench, or before Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Dublin*, the said Affidavit to be lodged with the Secretary of the Grand Jury Four Days previous to each presenting Term, to be by him laid before such Grand Jury; and that no Judge shall confirm any such Presentment without such Affidavit, and which said Affidavit shall be kept amongst the Records of the said County.

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IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of Five thousand Pounds, when raised in Manner aforesaid, shall be paid to the Governors, or Body Corporate of the said *Meath* Hospital and County of *Dublin* Infirmary, and applied in completing and finishing the said Building, as hereinbefore mentioned, and such further Sum as the Term Grand Jury of the County of *Dublin* shall think fit and proper to present, for the Maintenance and Support of the said Hospital and Infirmary; as also the Produce of the Sale of the present County Hospital and Infirmary, when disposed of shall be paid to the Governors, or Body Corporate of the said *Meath* Hospital and County of *Dublin* Infirmary, and be applied and appropriated by the said Body Corporate to the Maintenance and Support of the said Hospital and Infirmary, and to no other Purpose, and be accounted for by Affidavit, as hereinbefore directed.

Public Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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