No. 203.]

BILL.

[1863.—2nd Sess.

An Act to amend chapter forty-nine of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, respecting Joint Stock Companies for the construction of roads and other works in Upper Canada.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legisla-Preamble. tive Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. Section number one hundred and twelve of chapter forty-nine of New provithe Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, intituled, "An Act sion in place 5 respecting Joint Stock Companies for the construction of roads and cap. 49, Con. other works in Upper Canada," is hereby repealed and amended by Stat. U.C. substituting the following words in lieu thereof, that is to say:

"Notwithstanding any irregularity in the formation, registration, or Companies,

management of any company for the construction or purchase of any road bona fide, at 10 or other work connected therewith, under the provisions of any Act passed work con-before the thirteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thou- withstanding sand eight hundred and sixty-three, and notwithstanding all the require- defect of form, ments of any such Act had not been strictly complied with, all such &c. companies as had theretofore bona fide proceeded in the construction or 15 purchase of any road or other work, shall be held to be duly organized, formed, registered, constituted, and managed under such Act or Acts; but nothing in this clause contained shall be construed to confirm the establishment or management of any such company, when any irregularity has occurred in the formation, registration, or management of the 20 same, unless such company had bond fide proceeded with the construction of, or had purchased such road or work before the said thirteenth

day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three."