BILL.

An Act to indemnify the Municipal Councillors of the County of Peterborough and others, for acts done under a certain By-law of the Municipal Council of the said Court, which was afterwards quashed.

HEREAS the Municipal Council of the County Preamble. of Peterborough did on the twenty-second day of June, 1850, pass a By-law numbered thirteen, appropriating the sum of six hundred pounds out of the County 5 Funds to be expended on certain Roads within the said County, by the Municipal Councillors of the several Townships therein, and of the town of Peterborough, the said sum being directed to be distributed among the several Municipalities in proportion to the amount they might have 10 respectively contributed to the County Funds, during the then last year; and whereas the said sum was in good faith distributed and expended in the manner directed by the said By-law, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the said County without any waste or misapplication of any 15 portion thereof; yet nevertheless doubts having arisen as to the strict legality of the said By-law, the question was brought before the Court of Queen's Bench for Upper Canada, and by a judgment of that Court, given on the thirteenth day of February, 1851, the said By-law was 20 quashed: and whereas the said Municipal Council of the County of Peterborough have by their Petition represented to the Legislature the facts aforesaid, and have prayed that the Councillors and parties concerned in passing or executing the said By-law may be indemnified 25 and saved harmless for so doing, and inasmuch as the said By-law, though not strictly conformable to the letter of the law, was passed and executed in perfectly good faith, and with an honest desire to advance the public good, it is right to grant the prayer of their petition:—Be 30 it therefore enacted, &c.

That the said Municipal Council of the County of Peter-The said borough and all and every, the Municipal Councillors of Council, and the said County of Peterborough, or of the several Townships therein, or of the Town of Peterborough, and all other
for passing
officers and persons, who concurred or were concerned
the said Bylaw montioned in the Presemble to this
law and for in passing the By-law mentioned in the Preamble to this their doings Act, or in carrying the same into execution, shall be and under the are hereby indemnified and saved harmless, and shall be