No. 14.]

## BILL.

[1859.

## An Act to limit the rate of Interest.

## ER MAJESTY &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

- I. Hereafter the maximum interest on loans of money, and sums other. Maximum rate wise due, for the price of goods, or other things, shall be at the rate of of interest. dollars per annum, for every hundred dollars.
- 5 II. But as regards the rate at which Banks and other Corporations Exception as authorized to lend money may do so, the law shall remain as it was to Banks. before the passing of this Act.
- III. Every person, Corporation or Bank receiving or taking directly or Penalty for indirectly, a higher rate of interest than is allowed by law, shall forfeit taking a higher rate.
  10 the principal and interest to the debtor, from whom neither shall be recoverable.
  - IV. This Act shall not affect any agreement or contract anterior to its Not to affect passing.