BILL.

An Act to restrain Municipalities from issuing Debentures beyond a certain amount, and for other purposes.

IN amendment of the Act "respecting the Municipal Institutions of Preamble. "Upper Canada," Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. Besides the restrictions upon Councils imposed by the two City, Town 5 hundred and fiftcenth and following sections, and the two hundred and and Village twenty-second and following sections of the said Act, no Council of a Councils restricted in City, Town or Village in Upper Canada shall pass a By-law for con- theborrowing tracting a debt, by borrowing money or otherwise, or for levying a rate of money and for payment of such debt, nor issue, make or give any Bond, Bill, Note, issuing of Debentures, 10 Debenture or other undertaking for the payment of a debt, whereby the se. liabilities of such City, Town or Village would be made to exceed onehalf of the assessed yearly value of the rateable property within its limits, on the average of the then last three years, and calculating the yearly value at the rate of six per cent. on the actual value of such pro-15 perty; and any By-law passed, or Bond, Bill, Note, Debenture, or

other undertaking issued, made, or given in contravention of this section, shall be void.

 Besides said restrictions, no Council of a County or Township, County and in Upper Canada, shall pass a By-law for contracting a debt, by bor-Township 20 rowing money or otherwise, or for levying a rate for payment of such restricted in how the payment of such restricted in debt, nor issue, make or give any Bond, Bill, Note, Debenture or other the borrowingundertaking for the payment of a debt, whereby the liabilities of such of money and County on Househin would be made to exceed there not not the issuing of De-County or Township would be made to exceed three per cent. on the bentures, &c., assessed actual value of the rateable property within its limits; and any

25 By-law passed, or Bond, Bill, Note, Debenture or other undertaking issued, made or given in contravention of this section, shall be void.

Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to affect the Validity or III. validity of any By-law passed, or Bond, Bill, Note, Debenture or existing By-other undertaking issued, made or given before the passing of the same, Bills, Notes, per to uncertaking of the same, Bills, Notes, 30 nor to prevent the passing or affect the validity of any By-law, or Debentures, prevent the issuing, making or giving, or affect the validity, of any &c., not to be Bond, Bill, Note, Debenture or other undertaking which it may here- this Act. after be necessary for any Council to pass, or to issue, make or give, for the purpose of redeeming any Bond, Bill, Note, Debenture or other 35 undertaking heretofore lawfully issued, made or given by it, or by any Council whose liabilities have devolved upon it, or for the payment of Council whose habilities have devolved upon it, or for the payment of interest on any such Bond, Bill, Note, Debenture or other undertaking; Validity of nor shall the validity of any By-law lawfully passed, or Bond, Bill, under this

Note, Debenture or other undertaking lawfully issued, made or given Act not to be 40 by any Council under this Act, be affected by any subsequent diminution affected by in the assessed yearly value, or the assessed actual value of the rateable diminution property under the jurisdiction of such Council; nor shall anything in property.