

BILL.

An Act to remove doubts as to the effect of the disallowance of the Act incorporating the Town of Bytown.

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of ^{Preamble.} Bytown have by their petition represented that the said Town was incorporated by an Act passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled "*An Act to define the limits* ^{10 & 11 V. c. 43} "*of the Town of Bytown, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes,*" that the said Act was carried into effect and remained in full operation until the twelfth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, when Her Majesty's disallowance thereof was signified by Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General;—that between the passing of the said Act and the signification of the disallowance thereof, as aforesaid, the Corporation of the Mayor and Town Council of Bytown, created by the said Act, had, under the provisions thereof, lawfully entered into divers contracts and incurred divers liabilities, and that at the date of the said proclamation a large amount of taxes and statute labour was due to the said Corporation, which said contracts and liabilities have remained and still remain uncompleted and unsatisfied, and the said taxes and statute labour unpaid and unperformed by reason of the doubts occasioned by the disallowance of the Act aforesaid; that the schools and school-matters of the said Town and all other matters connected with the Municipal affairs of the said Town are also in much confusion by reason of the said doubts, which have even extended to the legality of the proceedings of the Corporation of the said Town, now constituted under the provisions of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act to provide by one general law for the* ^{12 V. c. 81.} "*erection of Municipal Corporations and the establishment of regulations of Police in and for the several Counties, Cities, Towns, Townships and Villages in Upper Canada,*" and the said Town Council of the Town of Bytown have prayed that all such doubts as aforesaid may be removed and that their powers in the matters aforesaid be confirmed; And whereas it is clear that the Legislature in passing the Act last above cited did not contemplate the disallowance of the Act first above cited, but on the contrary provided by the Act passed with reference to that last above cited in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act to repeal the Act in force in* ^{12 V. c. 80.}