

BILL.

An Act to amend the Upper Canada Municipalities Act of 1849, and to grant to the several Municipalities the power of assessing for public improvements, and the support of indigent infirm persons.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act passed in the 12th year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, and intituled *"An Act to provide by one general law for the 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 to confer upon the Municipal Councils of Counties and the Municipalities of Townships and incorporated Villages, the power of assessing any Township, part of Township or incorporated Village for the construction of roads, bridges and other public improvements, and for the support of indigent infirm persons resident therein; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That from and after the passing of this Act, upon application made in writing under the hands of two-thirds of the resident ratepayers, in any Township, part of Township or incorporated Village, stating their desire to raise by assessment to be levied upon such Township, part of Township or Village respectively, the limits of which shall be therein defined, a sum of money to defray the expense of constructing, improving or repairing any road, bridge, or other public improvement, situate within the limits expressed, a printed copy of which application and the signatures affixed thereto, shall have been put and kept up in ten public places in such Township, part of Township, or Village respectively, and also inserted in some one public newspaper published in the County, for the space, at least, of one calendar month previous, it shall and may be lawful for the Municipal Council of any County, or the Municipality of any Township or incorporated Village, if they shall deem meet, to entertain such application as aforesaid, and to make By-laws for raising, levying, collecting and appropriating such money so required, within such Township, part of Township or incorporated Village respectively; Provided always that any rate imposed for such purpose shall be assessed equally upon the whole rateable property of such Township, part of Township or incorporated Village.

Preamble.

On application of two-thirds of the Rate-payers, rates may be imposed on a Township, or part of a Township or Village for certain purposes.