

An Act to legalize a certain By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Cornwall.

WHEREAS it appears by a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of Cornwall, presented to Parliament at the present Session, that on the twenty-second day of February, 1855, the said Municipal Council, acting on the Petition of a large number of the freeholders of the said Township, praying them to erect a Town Hall for the use of the said Township, adopted a By-law to raise by debentures the sum required for the purchase of a site and erecting a Town Hall thereon; That the said By-law was duly published in the manner pointed out by the Act 14 and 15 Vict., cap. 109, for three months from the first day of March, 1855, and was finally passed by the said Council on the eleventh day of June, 1855, the day appointed in the notice appointing the day for the adoption of the said By-law; That a site was purchased and a Town Hall erected thereon and opened for use on the Annual Township Meeting in January last, and has since been used for the meetings of the said Council; That Debentures were issued by authority of the said By-law for £475 Cy., which with the sum of twenty-five pounds paid by the Council, was expended in the purchase of a site, and erection of the Town Hall; and that £200, part of the Debentures aforesaid have been redeemed; That the said By-law was finally passed on the eleventh day of June, 1855, after the passing of the Act 18 Vict., cap. 133, which requires that all By-laws for raising money by loan should be submitted to the Electors for ratification; And the said Council have further set forth in the said Petition, that at the time of adopting the said By-law, they were not aware of the passing of the said Act, altering the mode of sanctioning a By-law for raising a loan and were not made aware of the fact until some months afterwards; And whereas the said Council have by their said petition, prayed that an Act may be passed to remove any doubt that may exist as to the legality of the said By-law, and to legalise the same, and it is expedient to grant their prayer; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The said By-law is hereby declared to be valid in all respects, and the debentures issued by authority thereof, to have been legally issued, and the amount thereof, with the interest specified or accruing thereon shall be to all intents and purposes a debt of the said Municipality.

II. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

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