

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1826. York: Robert Stanton, 1826.

7 George IV – Chapter 13

An Act to establish the District Town of the District of London in a more central position than at present, and to annex the townships of Walpole and Rainham to the County of Haldimand, in the District of Niagara. (Passed, 30th January, 1826.)

Whereas the Gaol and Court House for the District of London, situate in the Town of Vittoria, have been accidentally destroyed by Fire, and it is necessary that other Buildings for the same purpose should be immediately erected, And Whereas the said Town of Vittoria being situate near one extremity of the District, is a very inconvenient Site for the District Town, so far as it respects the inhabitants of the very populous and extensive Settlements which have of late years been formed in the County of Middlesex, and it would tend much to the welfare of the District and the general convenience of its Inhabitants, to establish the District Town at the reservation heretofore made for a Town, near the Forks of the River Thames, in the Townships of London and Westminster. Be it therefore enacted, by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada constituted and assembled, by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain part of an Act, passed in the Fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,'" and by the authority of the same. That a certain Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the Fifty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the Forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to remove doubts with respect to the authority under which the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and other Courts, have been erected and holden, and other matters relative to the administration of Justice, done in several Districts of this Province, and also to fix the time of holding the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the same, and to make further provision tor the same, shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and that so much of a certain other Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the Forty first year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to remove doubts with respect to the authority under which the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and other Courts, have been erected and holden, and other matters relating to the administration of Justice, done in several Districts of this Province, and also to fix the times of holding the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the same, as is repealed by the said Act, shall he and remain repealed.

II. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and the District Courts in and for the said District, shall be holden and assembled within some part of the reservation heretofore made for the Site of a Town, near the Forks of the River Tames [Thames], in the Townships of London and Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, so soon as a Gaol and Court House shall be erected thereon, and in a fit state to afford accommodation for the administration of Justice, and that until such Buildings shall be so erected the said Courts shall be holden in such part of the District of London, being as nearly as conveniently may be, central with

regard to the settled parts of the said District of London, as the Sheriff of the said District shall for that purpose appoint by Public Notice, within the said District, at least thirty days before the time appointed for holding any such Court respectively.

III. And whereas in consequence of the removal of the District Town to a more central situation, it would better suit the convenience of the inhabitants of the Townships of Rainham and Walpole, which now form part of the County of Norfolk, if the said Townships were hereafter to be annexed to, and form part of the County of Haldimand in the District of Niagara: Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of a certain Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the Thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better Division of this Province, as enacts that the said Townships of Rainham and Walpole shall constitute and form a part of the County of Norfolk, shall be repealed, and that the said Townships of Rainham and Walpole shall be annexed to, and shall form part of the County of Haldimand in the District of Niagara.