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40 George III – Chapter 3

An Act for the more equal Representation of the Commons of this Province in Parliament, and for the better defining the Qualification of Electors.

I. For the better representation of the commons of this province in parliament, Be it 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, entitled an act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, "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 from and after the end of the present parliament, the representation of the commons of this province in the House of Assembly, shall be in manner and form following, that is to say:

The counties of Glengary and Prescott, shall be together represented by two members.

The counties of Stormont and Russel, shall together be represented by one member.

The county of Dundas, Grenville, Leeds, Frontenac, and Prince Edward, be each represented by one member.

The incorporated counties of Lenox and Addington, be together represented by one member.

The counties of Hastings and Northumberland, be together represented by one member.

The county of Durham the East Riding of the county of York, and the county of Simcoe, be together represented by one member.

The West Riding of the county of York, the first Riding of the county of Lincoln, and the county of Haldimand, be together represented by two members.

The second, third, and fourth Ridings of the county of Lincoln, be together represented by two members.

The counties of Oxford, Middlesex and Norfolk, shall together be represented by one member.

The county of Kent, shall be represented by one member.

The county of Essex, shall be represented by two members.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person shall be considered as qualified to vote, or shall vote at the ensuing election for a member to represent the commons of this province in provincial parliament, who shall have sworn allegiance to any foreign state, or have been a stated resident in the dominions of the same, unless such person shall have been previously and bona fide resident in this province, or in some other of the dominions of his Majesty, for, and during the term of four years then next preceding, and shall have taken the oath of allegiance to his Majesty; and that on any future election, no such person or persons shall vote as aforesaid, until he, or they shall have been previously and bona fide resident in this province, or in some other of his Majesty's dominions for, and during the term of seven years next preceding, and shall have taken the oath of allegiance.