

“ shall not be liable for any demolition or destruction of
 “ property at the place where such lecture, representation, per-
 “ formance, exhibition or other public meeting shall take place
 “ unless the permission of the Mayor or of the said Council shall
 “ have been first had and obtained :” And whereas protection
 is due by the constituted authorities to the property and persons
 of all British subjects lawfully convened at any meeting or as-
 semblage for lawful purposes or such as are not expressly pro-
 hibited by the laws of the land, whether money be or be not
 required of or paid by the attendants thereat, and whether such
 meeting or assemblage be within the walls of any place of
 public worship, or of any public or private building, or be held
 in the open air, and the said above recited clause or section is
 manifestly to the prejudice of and in violation of the indubita-
 ble and most sacred right of British subjects, to meet and dis-
 cuss in a peaceable and lawful manner, when and where
 they see fit, all lawful matters of public concernment in which
 they take an interest, whether of a religious, political, civil, or
 social character, and it is therefore necessary to repeal the said
 clause or section : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the
 advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of
 Canada, enacts as follows :

I. The said fourth clause or section of the Act first men-
 tioned in the preamble of this Act, shall be and the same is
 hereby repealed. Section 4 of
the said Act
repealed.

C A P . V I .

An Act to facilitate the disuniting of the Counties of
 Lincoln and Welland, and for other purposes therein
 mentioned.

[Assented to 21st April, 1856.]

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the United Counties Preamble.
 of Lincoln and Welland, have by their Petition prayed
 that an Act may be passed to facilitate the disuniting of the
 County of Welland from the County of Lincoln for judicial and
 other purposes ; And whereas it appears by certificate of the
 Warden and Clerk of the said Municipal Council that an agree-
 ment has been entered into between the Provisional Municipal
 Council of the said County of Welland and the said Municipal
 Council of the said United Counties, for the adjustment and
 settlement of all debts of the said United Counties, in the manner
 provided by the fifteenth section of the Act of the Parliament of
 this Province passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign,
 and intituled, *An Act for abolishing the Territorial Division* 12 V. c. 78.
of Upper Canada into Districts, and for providing for temporary
Unions of Counties for Judicial and other purposes, and for the
future dissolutions of such Unions, as the increase of wealth and
population may require, and that the several other provisions
 of

of the said Section have been complied with by the said County of Welland; And whereas it is necessary and expedient to carry into effect the prayer of the said Petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

When proper buildings are constructed, the Governor may dissolve the union of the Counties by Proclamation.

I. At any time after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province, under an Order in Council, to be made so soon as he shall be satisfied that the County Buildings in the County of Welland are completed, to issue a Proclamation under the Great Seal of the Province, dissolving the Union between the said County of Welland and the said County of Lincoln, which dissolution shall take effect upon, from and after a day to be named for that purpose in such Proclamation.

Provisions of 12 V. c. 78, and 14 & 15 V. c. 5, to apply.

II. All the provisions of the said Act hereinbefore first in part recited, and of the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intitled, *An Act to make certain alterations in the Territorial Divisions of Upper Canada*, and of any other Act or Acts, in so far as such provisions are or were intended to be applicable to senior and junior Counties after the dissolution of the Union thereof, and in so far as they are not inconsistent with this Act, shall be and are hereby declared to be applicable to the said Counties of Lincoln and Welland respectively, as if such Proclamation had been issued under authority of the fifth Section of the Act last above in part recited

Special Sessions to be convened after the dissolution to appoint the Divisions in Welland.

III. The Judge of the County Court for the said County of Welland shall, within thirty days after the day named in such Proclamation for the dissolution of the said Union, convene a special Sessions of the Peace at the said Court House in the said County, by such form of public notice as to the Judge shall seem meet, at which Sessions, one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County being present, shall be declared and appointed the number, limits and extent of Divisions in the said County of Welland for the holding of Division Courts therein, and such Divisions shall be deemed and taken to be and to have been appointed and declared under authority of the "Upper Canada Division Courts Acts;" Provided firstly, that the Division Courts now appointed by the county Judge of the said United Counties to be held within the limits of the said County of Welland in the month of April, in the year of Our Lord, 1856, shall be held by the said Judge, and all suits, proceedings and judgments commenced, had and taken therein, shall be prosecuted to completion in the said Courts as if this Act had not been passed, unless transferred by the said Judge to some one or more of the Division Courts to be established in the said County of Welland, in which case all the provisions of the "Upper Canada Division Courts Extension Act of 1853" applicable to suits transferred from one

Proviso: as to pending cases.

Court to another, shall apply to such suits, proceedings and judgments so transferred; And provided secondly, that all suits and proceedings to be commenced in the Division Courts of the said County of Welland after the last day of service prior to the time so fixed for holding the said April Courts, shall be commenced, prosecuted, and had in the Division Courts to be established in the said County of Welland; And it is hereby declared that the Justices of the Peace so assembled may do and perform all such other things and transact such other business as may now by law be done, performed and transacted at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in any County in Upper Canada.

Proviso.

Other things may be done at such Sessions.

IV. Within twenty days after the day so named for the dissolution of the said Union, the Clerks of the several Municipalities within the limits of the said County of Welland shall prepare and deliver to the Clerk of the Peace for that County, a true copy of the Report of the selectors of Jurors for their respective Municipalities made up in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and certify the same under their hands and under the seal of the corporations of which they are such clerks, which copies shall be deemed and taken to be Reports of selectors of Jurors, made in conformity with the provisions of the Act passed in the session held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the consolidation and amendment of the laws relative to Jurors, Juries, and Inquests in that part of this Province called Upper Canada*, and of the "Upper Canada Jurors' Law Amendment Act of 1853"; and the said Clerk of the Peace, shall, immediately after the receipt of such copies, prepare a Juror's Book and Ballots in the manner required of Clerks of the Peace in the said last in part recited Acts.

Clerks of the Municipalities to deliver to Clerk of the Peace copies of Reports of Selectors of Jurors for 1855.

13 & 14 V. c. 55.

Juror's Book and ballots to be prepared.

V. At the special Sessions of the Peace authorized to be held by the third Section of this Act, Jury Lists for the said County of Welland, for this present year, shall be balloted in the manner required for balloting Jury Lists in the said last in part recited Acts, and all the provision of the said Acts shall apply to such Jury Lists so balloted as well as to the Jurors named therein, to all the Courts of Superior or Inferior Jurisdiction thereafter to be held within the said County during the said year, and to all officers and persons whatsoever, except in so far as inconsistent with this Act; Provided firstly, that no person who shall be drawn and summoned as a Grand or Petit Juror at any of the Superior or Inferior Courts in virtue of such Lists, who may have already served as a Juror at any of the said Courts for the said United Counties during the present year, shall be required to serve again within the present year notwithstanding he may be so drawn and summoned; And provided secondly, that no person whose actual residence may, for the time being, be within the limits of the said County of Welland, shall, after the day on which such Sessions of the Peace

Jury Lists for Welland to be balloted for at the said Special Sessions.

Proviso.

Proviso.

Peace shall be held, be summoned or required to serve as a Grand or Petit Juror at any Court within the County of Lincoln : Provided, thirdly, that the Jury Lists already ballotted for the said United Counties, for this said present year, shall be and remain the Jury Lists for the said County of Lincoln, except in so far as the names therein are those of parties residing in the County of Welland as aforesaid ; And provided fourthly, that the number of Petit Jurors to be returned on any general precept for the return of Petit Jurors for the said County of Welland, for the present year, shall not exceed forty-eight.

Taxes for the present year to belong to Welland.

VI. All assessments and taxes for the said present year for the uses and purposes of the said County of Welland, which Municipal Councils of Counties are authorized by law to impose, shall be imposed by the Municipal Council of the said County of Welland, and shall be payable to the Treasurer thereof ; any thing in the sixteenth section of the said Act herein first in part recited to the contrary notwithstanding.

Public Act.

VII. This Act shall be a Public Act.

C A P . V I I .

An Act to explain and amend the Charter of the City Bank.

[Assented to 21st April, 1856.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS doubts exist whether under the several Acts incorporating the City Bank, it is requisite to the validity of the Notes issued by the said Bank, and intended for general circulation, that such notes shall bear the signature of more than one of the officers thereof, and it is proper to remove such doubts and to provide that the notes of the said Bank need be signed by one officer thereof only : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, declares and enacts as follows :

Notes signed by one officer only to be valid.

I. The notes issued and to be issued by the said Bank bearing the signature of any one officer only of the said Bank who shall have been authorized by a resolution of the Directors to that effect, shall be as valid and binding as if signed and countersigned by two officers of the said Bank, and the signature of one such officer only, without any counter signature, shall suffice to make all notes whatsoever good and binding on the said Bank.

Period limited by sections 9 and 10 of 18 V. c. 43, extended.

II. The period of one year mentioned in the ninth and tenth sections of the Act passed in the now last session of the Provincial Parliament, and intituled, *An Act to amend the several Acts incorporating the City Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock*, shall be extended and prolonged and be deemed not to have expired