

*The Provincial Statutes of Canada*, passed in the year 1841. Kingston: Stewart Derbshire & George Desbarats, 1841.

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**An Act to consolidate certain debts due by the Home District, and to make provision for the payment thereof. 18th September, 1841.**

Whereas by an Act of the legislature of Upper Canada, passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, and intituled *An Act to provide for the erection of a Gaol and Court House in and for the Home District*, the Justices of the Peace for the Home District were authorized to raise, by loan, a sum not exceeding four thousand pounds, currency, to be applied towards building a Gaol and Court House in the said District; and any excess of revenue arising from the rate of one penny in the pound is by the said Act made solely applicable to the payment of the said loan; And whereas, the sum of two thousand pounds still remains unpaid out of the monies borrowed under the authority of the said Act; And whereas, by an Act of the said Legislature, passed in the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, and intituled *An Act to authorize the Magistrates of the Home District to erect a new Gaol within the said District*, the Justices of the Peace of the said District, were authorized to contract for the building of a new Gaol and Court House in the said District; And whereas, under the authority of an Act of the said Legislature, passed in the second year of Her Majesty's reign, and intituled *An Act to authorize the Magistrates of the Home District to borrow a sum of money for the purpose of completing the new Gaol and Court House*, the said Justices have in pursuance of the power in them vested by the said Act, obtained a loan of five thousand four hundred pounds, which sum remains due, and is, according to the provisions of the said Act, secured on the monies to be derived from the sale of the old Gaol and Court House Block; And whereas, the Justices of the said District have, by their petition to the Legislature, prayed that the said debt of two thousand pounds, first above mentioned, and the said last mentioned debt of five thousand four hundred pounds may be consolidated, and may form together the debt of the said District; that the said consolidated debt may be secured on the proceeds of the old Gaol and Court House Block, and that until a sale of the said Block can be effected any excess of revenue arising from the rate of one penny in the pound, aforesaid, may be applicable to the payment of the said consolidated debt; and have further prayed, that the Townships now comprised within the said Home District, but which are henceforth to be included in the District of Simcoe, under the Act in that behalf made and provided, may be relieved from their present liability to pay a certain proportion of the debt of two thousand pounds, herein first above mentioned; And whereas, it is expedient to grant the Prayer of the said petition; Be it therefore enacted, by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted mid assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great. Britain and Ireland, and intituled *An Act to Re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same that the said debt of two thousand pounds, first above mentioned, and the said debt of five thousand four hundred pounds, secondly above mentioned, shall be consolidated, and shall form together the consolidated debt of the said Home

District, which together with the interest thereon shall be secured upon the said old Gaol and Court House Block, and may be paid wholly, or in part out of any proceeds of the sale of the said Block, or of any part thereof, or out of any excess in the rate of one penny in the pound raised within the said District: Provided always, that the Townships now comprised within the said Districts, but which are hereafter to be included in the intended District of Simcoe, under the Act in that behalf provided, shall from and after the date of the Proclamation establishing the District of Simcoe, be, and they are hereby, relieved and discharged from all liability to pay their proportion of the debt of the Home District.