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An Act to separate the County of Halton from the County of Wentworth. Assented to 14th June, 1853.

Whereas a very large number of inhabitants of the County of Halton, the Junior County of the United Counties of Wentworth and Halton, have, by their petition, prayed that the said County of Halton may be set apart as a separate County for judicial and other purposes, without unnecessary delay, and that the County Town of such County may be fixed at the Village of Milton in the said County; and the sense of the said County being in favor of such separation, and the wealth and population thereof being sufficient to warrant the same, it is expedient to make provision to enable the said County to separate from the said County of Wentworth, as soon as the necessary provisions for that purpose shall have been made: 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 and 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 upon, from and after the First day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, the Town Reeves and Deputy Town Reeves of the several Townships, Unions of Townships, Villages and Towns, in the said County of Halton, as the same is described and limited in and by the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to make certain alterations in the Territorial Divisions of Upper Canada*, shall form a Provisional Municipal Council for the said County, and shall with respect to the said County, have, possess and exercise all and singular the rights, powers, privileges and duties, conferred, granted or imposed by the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act for abolishing the Territorial Division 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*, upon Provisional Municipal Councils erected by Proclamation under the authority of the said Act, and also all the powers which may be conferred on Provisional Municipal Councils generally by any other Act or Law in force in Upper Canada; and such Provisional Council shall and may, so soon as they shall think fit so to do, purchase the necessary property at or near the said Village of Milton, which is hereby declared to be the County Town of the said County of Halton, and proceed to erect the necessary public buildings on such property, and all the provisions of the Act last above cited shall apply to the said Provisional Municipal Council, and to the said County of Halton.

II. And be it enacted, That so soon as the Court House and Gaol of the said County shall be erected and completed at or near the said Village of Milton, according to the provisions of the fifteenth Section of the said lastly in part recited Act, and the other provisions of the said fifteenth Section shall have been complied with by the said County, it shall and may be lawful for the

Governor of this Province to appoint the necessary Officers as provided by the seventeenth Section of the said in part recited Act, and by order in Council to issue a Proclamation dissolving the union between the said County of Halton and the said County of Wentworth, from the date to be mentioned in such Proclamation: and all the provisions of the said lastly in part recited Act, or of any other Act or Law of Upper Canada applicable to Counties on. and after their being separated from other Counties, shall apply to the said Counties of Wentworth and Halton respectively.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Provisional Council shall meet at the Village of Milton, in the said County, on the second Tuesday in the month of July next after the passing of this Act, a notice of such meeting shall be inserted in some newspaper published within the said County or in some adjoining County, and a copy of such notice sent by mail or otherwise to each Member of such Provisional Council, at least eight days before the day appointed for such meeting, by the Warden of the said United Counties of Wentworth and Halton.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Warden of the United Counties of Wentworth and Halton shall, by a Warrant under His hand and seal, appoint some one of the Town Reeves or Deputy-Town Reeves of the said County of Halton, to preside at the first, meeting of such Provisional Municipal Council, until a Provisional Warden shall be elected by such Provisional Municipal Council.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed, and taken to be a Public Act.