

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada, passed in the year 1851. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1852.

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An Act to constitute a Provisional Municipal Council in the County of Essex, for certain purposes. Assented to 22nd April, 1853.

Whereas the Municipal Council of the United Counties of Essex and Lambton have by their Petition to the Legislature represented, that the Gaol and Court House of the said United Counties at Sandwich, in the County of Essex, as well as the County Grammar School at the same place and others of the public buildings in the said County, are and have been for a long time in a very insufficient and dilapidated condition, but that as the Town Reeves and Deputy Town-Reeves of the said County of Lambton have been formed into a Provisional Municipal Council for the said County, and a Court House and Gaol are now being built for the said County at Sarnia, the intended County Town thereof, with a view to the early separation of the said County from the County of Essex, the said Town Reeves and Deputy Town Reeves of the said County of Lambton, as Members of the Municipal Council of the said United Counties, are unwilling to join in passing any By-law taxing the inhabitants of the said United Counties (including those of Lambton) for the purpose of erecting buildings which would after a short period belong to the County of Essex alone, and that inasmuch as Essex is the Senior and not the Junior County of the said Union, no provision exists at present under which the inhabitants of Essex alone can be taxed for the purpose of raising the funds requisite for building a New Court House and Gaol, or for erecting or repairing any other public building which, after the dissolution of such Union, will benefit the inhabitants of Essex exclusively; And whereas the said Municipal Council have prayed that Legislative provision may be made to meet the case aforesaid, and it is expedient to grant their prayer: 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 the Town Reeves and Deputy Town Reeves of the several Townships, Unions of Townships, Villages and Towns in the said County of Essex, shall be and they are hereby constituted a Provisional Municipal Council for the said County, and shall with respect to the said County and to the New Court House and Gaol and other buildings and works hereinafter mentioned, have, possess and exercise all and singular the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred, granted or imposed upon Provisional Municipal Councils 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*: and the said Provisional Municipal Council shall have full power and authority so soon as they shall think fit so to do, to determine the site of a New Court House and a New Gaol at Sandwich, and to purchase the property (if any) necessary therefor, and to erect the necessary buildings thereon, and also to repair thoroughly or if they think proper to rebuild, the

County Grammar School, and to repair, renew or erect any public buildings which they shall deem necessary for the exclusive use of the said County after its intended separation from the County of Lambton, and to raise by assessment on the assessable property real and personal in the said County of Essex, the sums necessary for the purposes aforesaid, in like manner as the Provisional Council of any Junior County may raise money for building a Court House, and Gaol therein.