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Bill to make a new and more convenient division of the Province into Counties for the purpose of effecting a more equal Representation thereof in the Assembly than heretofore.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the present division of this Province for the purpose of electing Members to serve in the Assembly thereof, as made by a certain Proclamation issued in virtue of and in conformity to the Provisions of the Statute in that case made and provided, by His Excellency, *Alured Clarke*, Esq., Lieutenant Governor, then administering the Government of this Province, bearing date at the Castle of *Saint Lewis* the seventh day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, is, by reason of the great extension of the old settlements and the formation of new settlements in remote parts of the Province, become inconvenient : and whereas the apportionment of fifty Members to serve in the Assembly, among the said divisions respectively, is, from the aforementioned causes and the increase of the population of the Province more than two-fold since the date of the said Proclamation, become unequal and insufficient ; for remedy whereof, and to remove as speedily and equitably as may be, the causes of the existing complaints and uneasinesses on the subject : Be it therefore 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 *Lower-Canada*, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of *Great Britain*, intituled, *An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, ' An Act for making ' more effectual provision for the Government of ' the Province of Quebec, in North America, ' and for making further provision for the Government of the said Province : And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, this Province shall be divided into the following Counties, which Counties shall consist of, be bounded and limited, as hereinafter described, that is to say :—*

The Province to be divided into the following Counties.

County of Gaspé.

The County of *Gaspé* shall be bounded on the south west by a line commencing at Point *Maquereaux* on the north side and at the entrance