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BILL.

An Act for avoiding doubts which might otherwise arise from the Act making alterations in the Territorial Divisions of Upper Canada, having come into effect since the last General Election.

WHEREAS by the Act passed in the Session held in the Preamble. fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, 14 & 15 V. c. 5. and intituled, *An Act to make certain alterations in the Territorial Divisions of Upper Canada*, which came into force 5 on the first day of January now last, the boundaries of many of the Electoral Divisions were altered, and new Counties were created returning Members to the Legislative Assembly; and whereas Elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly during the present Provincial Parliament, 10 were held before the said Act came into force, and it is expedient to remove all doubts which might arise from the causes aforesaid as to Elections to be held in case of vacancies occurring in the said Legislative Assembly during the said Parliament: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

15 That the Member of the Legislative Assembly elected before the first day of January now last past, to represent the West Riding of the County of York shall be held to represent the County of Peel, and to have represented the same since the day last aforesaid: The Member of the Legislative Assembly 20 elected before the said day, to represent the East Riding of the County of York, shall be held to represent the County of Ontario, and to have represented the same since the said day: The Member of the Legislative Assembly elected before the said day, to represent the North Riding of the County of 25 York, and the Member of the Legislative Assembly elected before the said day to represent the South Riding of the said County, shall each be held to represent the present County of York, and to have represented the same since the said day: Each Member of the Legislative Assembly elected before the 30 said day to represent any other County or Electoral Division of Upper Canada, shall be held to represent, and to have represented since the said day, that County or Electoral Division which bears the same name as that for which he was elected, or which consists of Counties bearing the same 35 names as those which before the said day composed the Electoral Division for which he was elected: and whenever the seat of a Member elected or returned as elected for any Electoral Division in Upper Canada, before the said day, shall become vacant, so that a new Writ of Election shall be 40 required, such new Writ shall issue for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for that County or Electoral Division which the Member whose seat shall be vacated was held to represent under the provisions of this Act, notwithstanding any change which may have been made 45 in the names or boundaries of any Electoral Division since the Election of such Member, by the coming into force of the Act first above cited.

Which among the present Electoral Divisions of Upper Canada, Members elected in that part of the Province before 1 January, 1852, shall be held to represent.

Vacancy of the seat of any such Member how filled.