

An Act to incorporate the Village of Fort Erie, in the County of Welland.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the Village of Fort Erie, in the County of Welland, have by their Petition represented, that from the rapid increase of the population of the said Village it has become necessary to confer upon it corporate powers, and prayed that it may be incorporated accordingly, and it is desirable to grant the prayer of the said Petition: Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. From and after the passing of this Act, the Inhabitants of the said Village of Fort Erie shall be a body corporate apart from the Township of Bertie in which the said Village is situate; and as such shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with such powers and privileges as are now or shall hereafter be conferred on Incorporated Villages in Upper Canada, and the powers of such Corporation shall be exercised by, through and in the name of the Municipality of the Village of Fort Erie.

II. The said Village shall comprise and consist of the tract of land bounded as follows; that is to say: Commencing at the Niagara River on a line with the south east angle of lot number five in the first Concession of said Township of Bertie, and running thence westerly along the southern boundary line of the said lot, to the south east angle of lot number five in the second Concession of the said Township, thence south until the line strikes the shore of Lake Erie, thence along the shore of Lake Erie and of the said River to the place of beginning.

III. Immediately after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Governor of this Province to appoint a Returning Officer for the said Village of Fort Erie, which Returning Officer shall appoint the time and place for holding the first Election in the said Village, of which appointment the said Returning Officer shall give notice in a newspaper published in the said Village, or if there be no newspaper published there, then by notices posted in at least three conspicuous places in the said Village, ten days before the said Election.

IV. The duties of the said Returning Officer, and the qualifications of the voters and the persons elected as Councillors at such first Election shall be as prescribed by law with respect to Townships in Upper Canada.

V. The Collector or Township Clerk of the Township of Bertie or other person having the legal custody of the Collector's Roll of that Township for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, shall furnish to the Returning Officer, on demand made by him for the same, a true copy of such Roll so far as the same relates to voters