

An Act to confirm and establish the Survey of the Township of Delaware, made by Samuel Peters, Esquire, Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor.

WHEREAS the original posts marking the boundaries of Lots in the Township of Delaware, in the County of Middlesex, had, with few exceptions, decayed, and could not be found when the said Township began to be settled; And whereas Roswell Mount, Esquire, a Deputy Provincial Surveyor now deceased, was generally employed by the first settlers to ascertain and mark out their respective boundaries; And whereas the said Roswell Mount, from having found that the Lots in some of the older grants in the said Township were described as having a front of twenty-nine chains and eighty links, laid out the Lots surveyed by him of the said width, and subsequent Surveyors have, in laying out Lots, treated the posts planted by the said Roswell Mount as the original posts of the Township, so that the actual settlement and occupation of the Lots in the said Township have been made upon the survey of the said Mount; And whereas all the side-line roads hitherto opened, have been opened, worked upon, and in some instances gravelled, according to the said survey; And whereas William McMillen, a Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor, in the year 1853, in tracing the First Concession line of the said Township, discovered that although some of the Lots had been described in the Letters Patent as having a width of twenty-nine chains and *thirty* links, yet that the Lots in the said Township had been originally laid out of the width of thirty chains, and that the side-lines had been originally laid out between other Lots than those laid out by the said Roswell Mount, and by others on his survey; And whereas at a general meeting of the inhabitants of the said Township, called by the Reeve thereof, for the purpose of considering the best mode of quieting the titles to and establishing the boundaries of the Lots in the said Township, nearly all of which had been rendered uncertain by the said discovery of William McMillen, it was determined that the Legislature should be prayed to adopt that course which should establish the side-line roads as at present established and used, as the original side-line roads, and should confirm the right of the inhabitants to the lands which they now occupy, or with as little change as possible; And whereas in accordance with the determination of the said general meeting, the Municipality of the said Township employed one Samuel Peters, Esquire, a Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor, to survey the said Township and to make a plan thereof, shewing how the said Township had been actually settled, the width of the different Lots, as settled, and the position of the said side-line roads, as worked upon and used; And whereas the said Samuel Peters, Esquire, has completed the said survey, and deposited a plan thereof with the Commissioner of Crown Lands; And whereas the Municipality of the said Township, and a large number of its inhabitants, have presented petitions, praying that the said

Preamble.