

An Act to erect the Townships of Bentinck, Normanby, Glenelg, Egremont, Artemesia and Proton, in the County of Grey, into a Junior County.

WHEREAS a great number of the inhabitants of the Townships of Bentinck, Normanby, Glenelg, Egremont, Artemesia and Proton, in the County of Grey, have by their petition prayed that the said Townships may be erected into a Junior County, Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

I. Upon, from and after the first day of January next, the said Townships shall be and constitute a Junior County under the name of the County of Howick, and the same shall thereafter, until separated as hereinafter provided, continue to be attached to the County of Grey for judicial, Municipal and Representation purposes, and the said Counties shall be known and described as the United Counties of Grey and Howick.

II. On and after the said first day of January next, the said County of Howick shall be a Registration County, and the office of the Register shall be in the Town of Durham in the said County ; The Registrar for the said County shall be appointed by the Governor in Council, and the Registrar for the County of Grey shall deliver over to the Registrar for the County of Howick the Registry Book or Books kept for the townships forming the same, and generally all such statements and certificates as are now by law required to be furnished to the Registrar of new Counties detached from other Counties for Registration purposes, under the provisions of the Act, 9 Vict., cap. 34, intituled, " An Act to consolidate and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly Upper Canada," and the Act, 16 Vict., cap. 187, amending the same.

III. So soon as it shall be ascertained by a census to be taken under any existing Act for taking the census in this Province, or any other Act of the Legislature for that purpose, that the said townships contain a population of 15,000 persons or upwards, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province to issue his proclamation erecting the said townships into a Provisional Municipality, on and after the first day of January then next, and naming the place for the County Town of the said County.

IV. On the first day of January after the issue of such proclamation, the Reeves and Deputy Town Reeves of the several townships in the said County of Howick, shall form a Provisional Municipal Council for the said County, and shall with respect to the said County, have, possess and exercise all and singular the rights, powers, privileges and duties con-