

## C A P. LXXIII.

AN ACT to make a new and more convenient subdivision of the Province into Counties, for the purpose of effecting a more equal Representation thereof in the Assembly than heretofore.

14th March 1829. Presented for His Majesty's Assent, and reserved "for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon."

17th August, 1829. Assented to by His Majesty in His Council.

5th October, 1829. The Royal Assent signified by the Proclamation of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS 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 by virtue of and in conformity to the provisions of the Statute in that case made and provided, by His Excellency *Alured Clarke*, Esquire, 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 appointment 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 since the date of the said Proclamation, become unequal and insufficient, for remedy thereof, and to remove as speedily and equitably as may be, the causes of the existing complaints, and uneasiness 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 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:

From and after the passing of this Act the Province to be divided in the following Counties.

Bounds of the County of Gaspé.

I°. 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 of *Chaleurs Bay*, running from thence north west, a distance of forty-seven miles, thence