

which was a part of the west riding of the County of York, the dividing line between Lincoln and (West) York being the Governor's Road, the present boundary between the townships of Ancaster to the south, and West Flamborough and Beverly to the north, which latter township, however, was not surveyed until 1797, after Governor Simcoe's departure.

Counties were created for the purposes of militia, and representation in the Legislature, and in 1793, to each county a Lieutenant was assigned to appoint the officers of militia and the justices of the peace. The Hon. Robert Hamilton had been appointed judge of the District of Nassau, and was the first County Lieutenant for Lincoln. In 1804 Wm. Dickson was judge of Niagara District Court.

Two years before the arrival of Governor Simcoe, the Land Board of Nassau had directed Augustus Jones—a captain in the West Lincoln Regt. in 1804—to survey eight townships which received numbers as designations. Numbers One and Two faced the Niagara River, Three to Eight, inclusive, extending west from its mouth to Burlington Heights. In 1793, the numbered townships were named: Newark, Stamford, Grantham, Louth, Clinton, Grimsby, Saltfleet and Barton in the order named. All these were within the County of Lincoln until the creation of the Gore District in 1816. In 1816 (the lands now constituting the counties of Halton and Peel having been purchased from the Indians) the County of Halton and the County of Wentworth were created and together formed into the Gore District. Halton comprised Beverly, Dumfries, Esquesing, Flamboro, East and West, Nassagaweya and Trafalgar. Wentworth: Ancaster, Barton, Binbrook, Brantford, Glanford, Onondaga, Tuscarora and Saltfleet. Some of the townships were later appropriated by the younger Counties of Brant and Haldimand. But this is anticipating. Simcoe had hardly taken his seat when trouble began to brew between the new republic of the United States and Great Britain, then at war with France. The embargo on bread stuffs consigned to ports of France, was forcibly illustrated in Lord Howe's great naval victory on the first of June, 1794, and although the ordinance was revoked as to the United States, the latent hatred was revived and fanned to some purpose by the