

“ shall not be liable for any demolition or destruction of
 “ property at the place where such lecture, representation, per-
 “ formance, exhibition or other public meeting shall take place
 “ unless the permission of the Mayor or of the said Council shall
 “ have been first had and obtained : ” And whereas protection
 is due by the constituted authorities to the property and persons
 of all British subjects lawfully convened at any meeting or as-
 semblage for lawful purposes or such as are not expressly pro-
 hibited by the laws of the land, whether money be or be not
 required of or paid by the attendants thereat, and whether such
 meeting or assemblage be within the walls of any place of
 public worship, or of any public or private building, or be held
 in the open air, and the said above recited clause or section is
 manifestly to the prejudice of and in violation of the indubita-
 ble and most sacred right of British subjects, to meet and dis-
 cuss in a peaceable and lawful manner, when and where
 they see fit, all lawful matters of public concernment in which
 they take an interest, whether of a religious, political, civil, or
 social character, and it is therefore necessary to repeal the said
 clause or section : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the
 advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of
 Canada, enacts as follows :

I. The said fourth clause or section of the Act first men- Section 4 of
 tioned in the preamble of this Act, shall be and the same is the said Act
 hereby repealed. repealed.

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An Act to facilitate the disuniting of the Counties of
 Lincoln and Welland, and for other purposes therein
 mentioned.

[Assented to 21st April, 1856.]

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the United Counties Preamble.
 of Lincoln and Welland, have by their Petition prayed
 that an Act may be passed to facilitate the disuniting of the
 County of Welland from the County of Lincoln for judicial and
 other purposes ; And whereas it appears by certificate of the
 Warden and Clerk of the said Municipal Council that an agree-
 ment has been entered into between the Provisional Municipal
 Council of the said County of Welland and the said Municipal
 Council of the said United Counties, for the adjustment and
 settlement of all debts of the said United Counties, in the manner
 provided by the fifteenth section of the Act of the Parliament of
 this Province passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign,
 and intituled, *An Act for abolishing the Territorial Division* 12 V. c. 78.
of Upper Canada into Districts, and for providing for temporary
Unions of Counties for Judicial and other purposes, and for the
future dissolutions of such Unions, as the increase of wealth and
population may require, and that the several other provisions
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