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To augment the number of Representatives to serve in the Assembly of this Province, and for that purpose to encrease and make a new and general subdivision of the Province into Counties.

WHEREAS by a Proclamation, bearing date at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, the seventh day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, by His Excellency ALURED CLARKE, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Lower-Canada, the said Province was divided into Counties, Cities, and Towns, for the purposes of effectuating the intent of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, in the thirty-first year of the Reign of His late Majesty George the Third, 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 to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" and to declare and appoint the number of the Representatives to be chosen in this Province, to serve in the Assembly thereof;—And whereas the increased population of this Province, and the peace, welfare, and good government thereof, render it expedient to augment the number of Representatives to serve in the Assembly of the same; and, for that purpose, to make a new distribution of the Counties into which the Province hath been, by the said Proclamation, divided, and to erect and establish new Counties:—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 to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;"—And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, this Province shall be divided into the following Counties, which Coun-