

passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "*An Act for abolishing the Territorial Division of Upper Canada into Districts, and for providing for temporary Unions of Counties for Judicial and other purposes, and for the future dissolution of such Unions, as the increase of wealth and population may require,*" upon provisional municipal councils erected by proclamation under the authority of the said Act, and also all the powers which may be conferred upon provisional councils generally by any other Act or law in force in Upper Canada; and such provisional council shall and may, as soon as they shall think fit so to do, purchase or otherwise procure the necessary property at the town of Newcastle, which is hereby declared to be the county town of the said county of Durham, and proceed to erect the necessary public buildings, on such property; and all the provisions of the Act last above cited shall apply to the said provisional municipal council and to the said county of Durham.

Newcastle to be the county town.

County officers to be appointed and dissolution proclaimed when the requisite buildings are erected at Newcastle.

III. So soon as the court house and gaol of the said county shall be erected and completed at the said town of Newcastle, according to the provisions of the fifteenth section of the said lastly in part recited Act, and the other provisions of the said fifteenth section shall have been complied with by the said county, it shall be lawful for the Governor of this province to appoint the necessary officers, as provided by the seventeenth section of the said lastly in part recited Act, and by order in Council to issue a proclamation dissolving the union between the said county of Durham and the county of Northumberland, from the date to be mentioned in such proclamation; and all the provisions of the said lastly in part recited Act or of any other Act or law in force in Upper Canada, applicable to counties on and after their being separated from other counties, shall apply to the said counties of Northumberland and Durham respectively.

First meeting of provisional council: notice thereof.

IV. The said provisional council shall first meet at the said town of Newcastle, and a notice of such meeting shall be published in some newspaper published within the said county of Durham or in some adjoining county, and a copy of such notice shall be sent by mail or otherwise to each member of such provisional council, at least eight days before the day appointed for such meeting, by the Warden of the said united counties of Northumberland and Durham, or if such meeting should fail on the said day, a meeting may be called in like manner for another day.

Warden of united counties to appoint a person to preside at such first meeting.

V. The said Warden of the united counties of Northumberland and Durham shall, by a warrant under his hand and seal, appoint one of the town reeves, or deputy town reeves of the said county of Durham to preside at the first meeting of the said provisional municipal council, until a provisional warden shall be elected by such provisional municipal council.

Public Act.

VI. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.