

An Act to amend the Municipal Laws of Upper Canada relating to the incorporation of Villages.

WHEREAS by the Municipal Laws of Upper Canada no provision is made for the incorporation of Villages until after the taking of the periodical Census, and much inconvenience and unnecessary delay are occasioned thereby ; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

Preamble.

5 I. Whenever any Village not now incorporated shall contain over seven hundred and fifty, and less than three thousand inhabitants, it shall and may be lawful for any number, not less than one hundred of the resident freeholders and householders of such Village, to petition the Governor of this Province that such Village may be erected into or set apart as an incorporated Village and the inhabitants thereof incorporated under the provisions of the Municipal Laws of Upper Canada : And upon such petition it shall be lawful for the said Governor, on being satisfied that any such Village contains more than seven hundred and fifty and less than three thousand inhabitants, by an order in Council to issue a proclamation under the Great Seal of this Province erecting or setting apart such Village into or as an incorporated Village by a name to be given in or by such proclamation, and to set forth in such proclamation proper boundaries for such Village, including within such boundaries any portion of the Township or Townships which from the proximity of streets or buildings therein may be convenient-ly attached to such Village, and when such Village shall have grown up on the confines of two or more Counties so as to lie partly within the limits of each, to annex the whole of such Village as incorporated to some one of such Counties exclusively ; and the inhabitants of such Village shall on, from and after the first day of January next after the end of one calendar month from the teste of such proclamation, be incorporated and the said Village shall become an incorporated Village, apart from the Township or Townships in which it is situate, and the first election for such Village shall be held in the manner prescribed in the Upper Canada Municipal Act, twelfth Victoria, chapter eighty-one, on the first Monday in January aforesaid, and such Village shall from thenceforth form a part of the County to which it shall have been annexed as aforesaid, and shall be subject to the same regulations and provisions and shall have and be entitled to the same immunities and privileges, as incorporated Villages now have or hereafter may have by law, as fully as if such Village had been specially mentioned in the schedule or schedules relating to Villages attached to the Municipal Acts of Upper Canada.

Any Villages containing between 750 and 3,000 inhabitants may be incorporated by proclamation on complying with certain conditions.

Boundaries to be assigned.

Case of Village partly within two counties provided for.

Effect of such incorporation.

II. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act shall be and are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent enactments repealed.