

An Act to constitute a Provisional Municipal Council in the County of Essex, for certain purposes.

**W**HEREAS the Municipal Council of the United Counties of Essex and Lambton have by their Petition to the Legislature represented, that the Gaol and Court House of the said United Counties at Sandwich, in the County of Essex, as well as the County Grammar School at the same place and others of the public buildings in the said County, are and have been for a long time in a very insufficient and dilapidated condition, but that as the Town Reeves and Deputy Town Reeves of the said County of Lambton have been formed into a Provisional Municipal Council for the said County, and a Court House and Gaol are now being built for the said County at Sarnia, the intended County Town thereof, with a view to the early separation of the said County from the County of Essex, the said Town Reeves and Deputy Town Reeves of the said County of Lambton, as Members of the Municipal Council of the said United Counties, are unwilling to join in passing any By-law taxing the inhabitants of the said United Counties (including those of Lambton) for the purpose of erecting buildings which would after a short period belong to the County of Essex alone, and that inasmuch as Essex is Senior and not the Junior County of the said Union, no provision exists at present under which the inhabitants of Essex alone can be taxed for the purpose of raising the funds requisite for building a New Court House and Gaol, or for erecting or repairing any other public building which, after the dissolution of such Union, will benefit the inhabitants of Essex exclusively : And whereas the said Municipal Council have prayed that Legislative provision may be made to meet the case aforesaid, and it is expedient to grant their prayer ; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That the Town Reeves and Deputy Town Reeves of the several Townships, Unions of Townships, Villages and Towns in the said County of Essex, shall be and they are hereby constituted a Provisional Municipal Council for the said County, and shall with respect to the said County and to the New Court House and Gaol and other buildings and works hereinafter mentioned, have, possess and exercise all and singular the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred, granted or imposed upon Provisional Muni

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