

An Act to separate the County of Halton from the County of Wentworth.

WHEREAS a very large number of inhabitants of the County of Halton, the Junior County of the United Counties of Wentworth and Halton have, by their petition, prayed that the said County of Halton may be set apart as a separate County for judicial and other purposes, without unnecessary delay, and that the County Town of such County may be fixed at the Village of Milton in the said County; and the sense of the said County being in favor of such separation, and the wealth and population thereof being sufficient to warrant the same, it is expedient to make provision to enable the said County to separate from the said County of Wentworth, as soon as the necessary provisions for that purpose shall have been made; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.
Petition of
Inhabitants
recited.

That upon, from and after the day of one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, the Town Reeves and Deputy Town Reeves of the several Townships, Unions of Townships, Villages and Towns, in the said County of Halton, as the same is described and limited in and by the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act to make certain alterations in the Territorial Divisions of Upper Canada*," shall form a Provisional Municipal Council for the said County, and shall with respect to the said County, have, possess and exercise all and singular the rights, powers, privileges and duties, conferred, granted or imposed by the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and 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 dissolutions 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 on Provisional Municipal Councils generally by any other Act or Law in force in Upper Canada, and such Provisional Council shall and may, so soon as they shall think fit so to do, purchase the necessary property at or near the said Village of Milton, which is hereby declared to be the County Town of the said County of Halton, 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 Halton.

Provisional
Council consti-
tuted for Hal-
ton,—its
powers.

14 and 15 V.,
c. 5.

12 V., c. 78.

Council may
purchase the
necessary pro-
perty at or
near Milton,
&c.

II. And be it enacted, That so soon as the Court House and Gaol of