

An Act to reunite the North and South Ridings of the County of Waterloo, for Registration purposes.

**W**HEREAS, by Her Majesty's Proclamation under the Great Seal Preamble.  
of this Province, bearing date the sixth day of Decémber, in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and issued  
under the power vested in the Governor of this Province by the eighty-  
ninth chapter of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, a separate  
Registry Office was granted, awarded, set apart, and established for  
the South Riding of the County of Waterloo, for the registration of  
deeds and other instruments affecting real estate, lands, tenements, or  
hereditaments within the said Riding, and the Registry Office for the  
said Riding was appointed to be kept at the village of Preston therein,  
until the erection of the said Riding into a separate county and the fixing  
therein of a county town; and Ward Hamilton Bowly, Esquire, was on the  
fifteenth day of March, 1862, appointed, by His Excellency the Governor  
General, to be Registrar of the South Riding, and David S. Shoemaker,  
Esquire, was on the same day appointed, by His Excellency, to be Registrar  
of the North Riding of the said County; and whereas the Warden and Municipal  
Council of the said County have by their repeated petitions to the Legislature  
represented, among other things: that the division of the said County of  
Waterloo into two Registration Districts, so made as aforesaid, will, if  
carried into effect, be so great a public inconvenience and so prejudicial  
to the interests of the people of the County in general, and of the South  
Riding in particular, that the said Warden and Council are satisfied that  
the said division could not possibly have been approved by His Excellency  
if the real facts of the case had been known to him; that a general petition  
from the said South Riding against the said division was presented to Sir  
Edmund Walker Head, then Governor General of this Province, about four  
years ago, and a similar memorial was forwarded to His Excellency the  
Governor General, dated the thirtieth day of January, in the year  
1862; that immediately after the said Proclamation, resolutions remonstrating  
against the separation were unanimously adopted by all the Councils of the  
Municipalities composing the County of Waterloo, except the village of  
Hespeler, in which the local mover of the separation resides, and the village  
of Preston, in which it is proposed to place the new Registry Office; that  
the County is small, and that the town of Berlin, where the Registry Office  
for the County was placed, is well situated with reference to the whole  
County, while the village of Preston is so placed that the best way to it  
from a large part of the South Riding, and from the Township of Wilmot  
in particular, is through the Town of Berlin; and the said Warden and  
County Council have prayed relief in the premises; and whereas the said  
Act does not provide any means of setting aside the said Proclamation  
and affording the relief prayed for as aforesaid, and it is just and  
necessary that such relief be granted; therefore Her Majesty, etc., enacts  
as follows: