

An Act to provide for the separation of the County of Durham from the County of Northumberland.

WHEREAS the Mayor of Port Hope and the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of several of the Municipalities in the County of Durham have, by petition, represented that it would add greatly to the convenience of the inhabitants of the said County if it were separated and set apart from the County of Northumberland for judicial and municipal purposes ; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

I. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the County Council of the united Counties of Northumberland and Durham, to call a meeting of the Reeves and Deputy Reeves for the several Municipalities in the County of Durham, to be held at Newtonville on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of June now next at the hour of noon, at which meeting the Reeves and Deputy Reeves aforesaid shall have power to declare by resolution to be voted for by a majority of their number, that it is expedient to separate the said County of Durham from the County of Northumberland for all purposes whatsoever, and the resolution so declaring the expediency of the separation shall also designate the place where the County Town shall be fixed.

II. When and so soon as the chairman of any meeting held in pursuance of the provisions of this Act, shall duly transmit to the Governor in Council a true copy of a resolution declaring that it is desirable to separate the County of Durham from the County of Northumberland and designating the place at which the County Town shall be fixed, accompanied by the affidavit of the said chairman that such resolution was duly passed and voted for by a majority of all the Reeves and Deputy Reeves in the said County of Durham, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to cause a proclamation to issue constituting the said Reeves and Deputy Reeves a Provisional Council for the said County, with all the powers and privileges granted to Provisional County Councils by any statute of this Province, and such proclamation shall further fix the place named in the said resolution to be the County Town of the said County of Durham.

III. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

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