



VANCOUVER ISLAND COLONY.

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To increase the number of Representatives of the People
of this Colony in the House of Assembly.

WHEREAS, the number of the inhabitants of this Colony has greatly spread and increased since the Proclamation of the 16th of June, 1856, under which the elections of the House of Assembly have been hitherto regulated, and some districts have increased in importance more than others, and it is therefore expedient, as well to give a right of representation to Districts hitherto not represented, as also to divide some of the present Electoral Districts into separate Districts.

Be it enacted, by the Governor, on Her Majesty's behalf, by and with the consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly.

I. So much and such parts of Victoria District as at present established, and also so much and such parts of Esquimalt and Metchoosen Districts as at present established, and described in Schedule A, to this Act annexed, shall be and constitute separate Electoral Districts under the names of "Victoria Town District," and "Esquimalt Town District." The residue of Victoria District and Esquimalt and Metchoosen Districts not included in the said Schedule A, shall continue to be Electoral Districts, and shall be respectively

styled "Victoria County District," and "Esquimalt and Metchoosin County District."

II. The parts of Vancouver's Island lying northward from Victoria, and included in Schedule B, to this Act annexed, shall respectively be and constitute new Electoral Districts, under the names of "Lake District," "Saanich District," and "Salt Spring Island District," including the "Settlement of Chemaynis."

III. The said several new Electoral Districts shall be respectively entitled to return the following number of members to represent them in the House of Assembly; that is to say:

Victoria Town District	-	<i>Two Members.</i>
Esquimalt Town District	-	<i>One Member.</i>
Lake District	- - -	<i>One Member.</i>
Saanich District	- - -	<i>One Member.</i>
Salt Spring Island District, including the Settlement of Chemaynis	} - - -	<i>One Member.</i>

IV. This Act may be referred to in all legal documents as the "Representation Act, 1859."