

An Act to facilitate the separation of Huron and Bruce and to appoint Walkerton the County Town of the County of Bruce.

WHEREAS doubts and difficulties have arisen, which make it expedient and necessary to make better provision for the separation of the United Counties of Huron and Bruce, and to appoint a County Town for the County of Bruce; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The Act passed in the session held in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth years of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter seventy-seven hereby repealed, but all Acts repealed by the said Act, nevertheless shall remain repealed.

2. The By-law of the Provisional Council of the County of Bruce, passed on the twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, appointing a Building Committee to proceed with the erection of County buildings at Walkerton, and all Acts proceeding and expenditures done, taken and made in pursuance thereof, are hereby legalized and declared valid; and the sum of six thousand pounds provided by By-laws, of the said Council for the erection of County Buildings, shall be applied towards the erection of County Buildings at Walkerton.

3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the forty-sixth and subsequent sections of chapter fifty-four of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, the said Provisional Council may, before the said County Buildings are completed, enter into an agreement with the County of Huron for the payment of such part of the debts of the Union as may be just, and for determining the amount to be paid and the times of payment; and such agreement shall be made in the manner provided in such cases in the said chapter fifty-four of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, and shall have the same effect as if made after the completion of the County Buildings.

4. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council at any time after the passing of this Act, on being satisfied that the accounts between the said Counties have been adjusted, and that the Gaol for the County of Bruce has been completed, and the Court House is in course of erection, and adequate temporary accommodation provided by the said Provisional Council for holding the courts for the said County of Bruce, and without its being requisite that the County Court House should be first completed, to separate the County of Bruce from the County of Huron, by Proclamation, and such separation shall take effect from the date of such Proclamation, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the fifty-first section of the Act last above cited.