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An Act to authorise the Municipal Council of the United Counties of Wentworth and Halton to dispose of a part of the present Court House Square.

**W**HEREAS the late George Hamilton, Esquire, did <sup>Preamble.</sup> on or about the thirtieth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, duly execute a Deed of surrender unto His Majesty George the Third, His Heirs and Successors, of a certain piece of land then in the Township of Barton, in the District of Gore, in order that the said District of Gore might be accommodated with a convenient site or piece of land whereon to erect a Jail, Court House and other public buildings for the uses of the said District of Gore ;

And whereas the situation of the said piece of land, being in the centre of the City of Hamilton, renders it unsuitable for the site a Jail ;

And whereas the Municipal Council of the United Counties of Wentworth and Halton have, by their Petition, prayed that authority may be given them to dispose of the said premises, or a portion thereof, the proceeds to be applied to the purchase of a site and erection of a new Jail, in a situation where prisoners might be put to labor, and thereby contribute towards their maintenance, instead of being a burden on the public :

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Council : Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That for and notwithstanding anything in the said Deed of surrender mentioned, or dedication therein made, or any law to the contrary, it shall and may be lawful for the Municipal Council of the United Counties of Wentworth and Halton and their successors, and they are hereby empowered to lay out the said piece of land, or so much thereof as they may deem expedient, in lots, and to sell, dispose of and convey the same by an absolute title in fee simple at their pleasure, the proceeds of such sale to be applied solely to the purchase of a suitable site and to the erection of a new Jail thereon, and other public buildings, for the uses of the said United Counties : <sup>Municipal Council of Wentworth and Halton empowered to dispose of the said lot or of part thereof.</sup> Provided always, that before offering the said piece of land or portion thereof to public sale, it shall be the duty of the said Municipal Council to offer the same to the Corporation of the City of Hamilton, at such price and on such terms as the said Municipal Council shall determine, <sup>Proviso: they must first offer it to the City of Hamilton.</sup>