

and shall to all intents and purposes form a separate and independent Municipality, with all the privileges and rights of an incorporated village in Upper Canada; but nothing herein contained shall affect or be construed to affect any taxes imposed for the payment of any debts contracted by the Townships of Thorold and Crowland, or either of them, but the Treasurer of the Village of Welland shall be liable to pay to the Treasurer of the Township of Thorold or the Treasurer of the Township of Crowland, as the case may be, in each and every year, until any such existing debt be fully discharged, the same amount which was collected within the said described limits of the said village, heretofore forming part of the said Townships of Thorold and Crowland respectively, towards the payment of such debt for the year 1857, and the same shall be a debt against the said village.

XI. The officers of the Councils of the said Townships of Thorold and Crowland shall not proceed to collect any rate or assessment imposed by either of said Councils for the present year, within the limits of the said village, but the amount which may be required for the purposes of the said village within the present year, shall be based on the assessment of the Assessor or Assessors of the said Townships for the present year, and shall be collected by the officer or officers to be appointed by the said village Council for that purpose; Provided always, that such portion of the amount assessed for County purposes as would have been levied upon the respective portions of the Townships of Thorold and Crowland of which said village is composed, for the present year, if said village had not been so incorporated and set apart, shall be collected by the proper officer of the said village, and be by the Treasurer thereof paid over to the Treasurers respectively of the said Townships of Thorold and Crowland; And it is further provided, that nothing herein contained shall affect or be construed to affect the school section or sections in which the said village is now situate for the present year.

of the Townships of Thorold and Crowland, but to be separated from those Townships.

As to taxes for the present year.

Proviso as to taxes for 1858, for County purposes.

Proviso: as to schools.

XII. The Clerks of the Townships of Thorold and Crowland aforesaid, shall and they are hereby required to furnish to the Clerk to be appointed by the Council of the said village, on demand made by him therefor, a true copy of the Assessment Rolls of said Townships for the present year, as far as the same shall contain the rateable property assessed within the said village, and the names of the owners or occupiers thereof.

Clerk of the Village to be furnished with copies of parts of the Townships' assessment Rolls.

XIII. All Acts and provisions of Acts inconsistent with this Act, so far as the same may affect the said Village of Welland, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent enactments repealed.

XIV. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

Public Act.