

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

WHEREAS a great number of the inhabitants of the County of Durham have by their petitions represented, that from the increasing wealth and population of the said County it is expedient that it should be detached and set apart from the County of Northumberland for Judicial and other purposes, and also that the County Town thereof be established by the Legislature ; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

Preamble.

- I. Whenever a majority of the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the said County of Durham shall, at a meeting to be called by any three or more of their number, and of which eight days notice in writing shall have been given, pass a resolution that it is expedient that the County of Durham should be separated from the County of Northumberland, and shall transmit a true copy of the resolution so passed, together with an affidavit of its passing made by the Chairman of said meeting, to the Governor in Council ; the Governor in Council shall thereupon, by proclamation, constitute the Reeves and Deputy Reeves for the County of Durham a Provisional Council, and shall appoint the time for the first meeting of the said Council, and shall also therein name one of its members to preside at such first meeting.
- II. The said Provisional Council shall first meet at the Village of Newcastle, which is hereby declared to be the County Town of the said County of Durham, and the said Provisional Council shall have all the powers and privileges granted to Provisional Councils by any statute of this Province.
- III. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

Provisional Council to be constituted if the majority of the Reeves vote for separation.

First meeting.

Place of first meeting and County Town.

Public Act.