

said Counties of Lincoln and Welland, and provides for the Town Reeves of Welland, forming themselves into a Provisional Council, and all other Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Municipal Council of Lincoln and Welland.

II. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act 5 the said Counties shall form and be known as the United Counties of Lincoln and Welland, and the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the different Townships, Villages and Towns therein, shall compose and form the Council of the said United Counties, and shall have the same powers and be subject to all the liabilities, as are by law provided, 10 with respect to like Municipalities in Upper Canada.

Certain property vested in the United Counties and certain By-laws and Acts to be void.

III. And be it enacted, That any property purchased for County purposes by the Provisional Council of Welland, and now vested in them, shall become the property of the said United Counties, and all By-laws or acts, passed or done by the Provisional Council relative 15 to the erection of County buildings, other than the purchase of land for County buildings where the land is now vested in the said County of Welland or in any party in trust for the said County, shall from henceforth be null and void.

Municipal Council of Lincoln and Welland to select a site for County buildings, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That for and notwithstanding anything 20 by the said Provisional Council of Welland heretofore done, under and by virtue of the said first recited Act, the Council of the said United Counties of Lincoln and Welland shall have full power and authority to select, in the County of Welland, one of the United Counties of Lincoln and Welland, a place for the erection of suitable 25 County buildings for the said United Counties, such place being central as regards both Counties, and shall have power to purchase therefor sufficient land; the same when purchased to vest in, and become the property of the said United Counties, and to raise by assessment on all the taxable property of the said Counties, a sum 30 sufficient to purchase the said property, and erect thereon the necessary buildings, subject to all the conditions and restrictions now in force in Upper Canada in like cases; Provided always, that such selection of such place shall be made at a special meeting of the 35 Municipal Council of the said United Counties, which the Warden thereof is hereby authorized and required to call for that purpose, to be held not later than three months from and after the passing of this Act; and on neglect or failure to make such selection, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, at any time after such meeting as aforesaid, to issue a Proclamation, under the Great 40 Seal of the Province, naming a place in the said County of Welland, one of the said United Counties of Lincoln and Welland, for a County Town, such place being central as regards both Counties, \*

Proviso.

Governor in Council to appoint a place if the Municipal Council fail to do so.