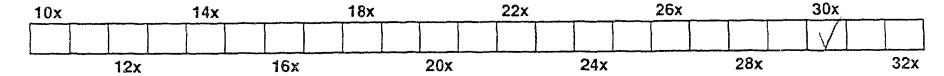
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Received and read a first time, Monday, 16th June, 1851.

Second reading, Monday, 23rd June, 1851.

Mr. Smith (of Wentworth).

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THEREAS the late George Hamilton, Esquire, did Vreamble. 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 5 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 10 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 15 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 20 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 Municipal 25 of surrender mentioned, or dedication therein made, or Wentworth any law to the contrary, it shall and may be lawful for the and Halton Municipal Council of the United Counties of Wentworth dispose of the and Halton and their successors, and they are hereby said lot or of empowered to lay out the said piece of land, or so much 30 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 35 buildings, for the uses of the said United Counties: Pro- Proviso: they vided always, that before offering the said piece of land offer it to the or portion thereof to public sale, it shall be the duty of City of the said Municipal Council to offer the same to the Corporation of the City of Hamilton, at such price and on 40 such terms as the said Municipal Council shall determine,

and it shall be the duty of the Council of the City of Hamilton, within one month from the date of any such offer. to accept or reject the same; failing in which, the said Municipal Council of the said United Counties of Wentworth and Halton shall be at liberty to dispose of the said premises, or part thereof, to such person or persons or bodies corporate or Company and in such mode as they may determine by by-law or otherwise: Provided also, that the aggregate sum to be received by them for the said premises shall not be less than the sum for which 10 they shall have offered the same to the City of Hamilton. as hereinbefore provided.

Proviso: as to the total price.

Account of expense of rendered to Parliament. &c.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Municipal Council expense or new Jail to be shall, on the completion of the said new Jail, render to the Provincial Parliament a detailed account of the mo- 15 neys received and expended on account thereof; and if any surplus shail remain after the purchase of a suitable site and the erection of a new Jail, and payment of incidental expenses incurred in regard to the same, such surplus shall be invested in such manner as the Governor and 20 Council, for the time being, may direct; the interest on such investment to be applied by the said Municipal Council in the maintenance of the said Jail, or repair or extension of the same, rendering to the Provincial Parliament an annual account thereof. 25