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WHEREAS from the great extent of the District of London as at present constituted, and the consequent distance of some parts of it from the District Town, the inhabitants of those parts suffer great inconvenience; And whereas also, from the vastly increasing population and commerce thereof, it is expedient that the said District should be divided, and that certain portions of the same should be set off and erected into a new and separate County, to remain united to that of Middlesex until they shall be disunited under the provisions of the Act passed in the present Session, and intituled "*An Act for abolishing the Territorial Division of Upper Canada into Districts, and for providing for Temporary Unions of Counties for judicial and other purposes, and for the future dissolution of such Unions as the increase of wealth and population may require.*" Be it therefore enacted, &c.

Preamble.

County substitution Act of this Session cited.

And it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, That the Townships of Aldborough, Dunwich, Southwold, Yarmouth, Malahide, Bayham, and a portion of the several Townships of Delaware, Westminster and South Dorchester, as hereinafter described and set out, shall form a new and separate County, under the name of the County of Elgin, and that the village of St. Thomas shall be the County Town thereof, but the said County of Elgin shall remain united to the said District of London or County of Middlesex, until such union shall be dissolved in the manner provided in the Act cited in the Preamble to this Act.

A new County erected to be called the County of Elgin.

County Town. Temporary union with the County of Middlesex.

II. And be it enacted, That the division line between the said District of London, and the said County of Elgin, shall be and may be known and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing at the western extremity of the said District of London, on the River Thames, thence up the river to the centre town-line, between lots numbers twelve and thirteen of the said Township of Delaware; from thence easterly, through the said Township of Delaware, following the said centre town-line, to the eastern extremity of the said Township of Delaware; thence easterly, in a direct line, across the Western Gore of the said Township of Westminster, to the westerly point of the limit for road between lots

Further description and boundaries of the County of Elgin.

numbers sixty-five and sixty-six, on the North branch of Talbot Road, commonly known as the North Street, in the Township of Westminster aforesaid; thence easterly, to the westerly point of the limit for road between the fourth and fifth concessions of the said Township of Westminster; thence easterly along the said limit for road to the westerly town-line of the said Township of Dorchester; thence northerly to the limit between the third and fourth concessions of the southern division of the said Township of Dorchester; thence easterly along the said limit to the eastern town-line of the said Township of Dorchester, and to the eastern extremity of the said District of London.

County of Elgin to be considered as if a Proclamation had issued under sect. 10 of the County substitution Act.

III. And whereas the population of the said County of Elgin exceeds twenty thousand; Be it therefore enacted, That the said County of Elgin shall, for all the purposes of the Act last aforesaid, be considered and dealt with as if a Proclamation had issued under the tenth section of the said Act, naming the Village of St. Thomas in the said County, as the County Town thereof, and erecting the Town-reeves of the said County into a Provisional Municipal Council for the said County, and declaring such Municipal Council a Provisional Municipal Council for the same, under the said Act, until the Dissolution of the Union of the said County with the County of Middlesex as aforesaid; and the said Town-reeves shall accordingly be a Provisional Municipal Council for the said County of Elgin, and shall have and exercise all the powers by the said Act vested in any such Provisional Municipal Council: Provided always, that the Gaol and Court-House of and for the said County of Elgin, shall be erected in the Town of Saint Thomas, on such ground as may have been set apart, and granted to Her Majesty, or such as may be selected and determined upon for that purpose by the Provisional Municipal Council aforesaid.

Proviso; on what ground the Gaol and Court House shall be built.

A Registry Office to be kept in Elgin, when disunited from Middlesex.

IV. And be it enacted, That when the Union of the said County of Elgin and the County of Middlesex shall be dissolved in the manner provided by the Act aforesaid, a Registrar shall be appointed for the said County, and a Registry Office for the Registration of Deeds shall be kept in and for the same at the County Town thereof, in the same manner and under the same provisions as in other Counties in Upper Canada.

Commencement of this Act.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall have force and effect upon, from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and not before.