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1st Session, 4th Parliament, 16 Victoria, 1853.

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## **BILL.**

An Act to separate the County of  
Halton from Wentworth.

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Received and read a first time, Friday, 25th  
February, 1853.

Second reading, Wednesday, 2nd March, 1853.

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**MR. WHITE.**

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Provisional Council to pass a By-law for determining the place of County Town by votes of Electors.

III. And be it enacted, That the first duty of the said Provisional Council, (after the appointment of the necessary Provisional Officers) shall be to pass a By-law providing for the selection of the place for the County Town, by the Freeholders and Householders rated on the Assessment Rolls for the past year, of the several Municipalities contained in the said County, by a vote to be specially taken for that purpose, each Freeholder or Householder having one vote and voting for one place, on some day during the month of \_\_\_\_\_, after at least ten days notice shall have been given in the manner to be provided by such By-law, of the time and place where the votes will be taken in the several Municipalities forming the said County. 5 10

Second Election if no place have a majority of the whole votes on the first occasion.

IV. And be it enacted, That if the result of such polling shall shew that a majority of the whole votes polled shall not have been recorded in favour of any one place, then it shall be the duty of the said Provisional Council to order another Election, to be had and taken in the manner provided in the preceding section of this Act and the By-law to be made under the same, and at such polling the votes shall only be recorded for one of the two places which on the former vote received the greatest and the next greatest number of votes. 15

County Town to be at the place for which a majority of the whole votes polled shall be given.

V. And be it enacted, That such place as shall have a majority of the whole number of votes polled, of the Freeholders and Householders rated on the Assessment Rolls of the several Municipalities forming the said County shall be the place where the County Town shall be located, and it shall be the duty of the said Provisional Council to procure as soon as may be the erection of the necessary County buildings, at such place, according to the provisions of the said Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, with all the powers by that Act or this Act conferred on such Provisional Council. 20 25

Appointment of officers.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said Provisional Council shall have power and authority to appoint by By-law or otherwise, such and so many officers and persons as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act; and the Provisional Warden shall administer to each person so appointed the Oath of Office prescribed by law, to be taken by any Municipal Officer, before he or they shall commence the discharge of the duties imposed on them, and each person so appointed and sworn, shall be subject to all responsibilities imposed on Municipal Officers by law. 30 35

Punishment of persons interrupting proceedings under this Act.

VII. And be it enacted, That any person or persons who shall wilfully interrupt or interfere with any of the proceedings authorized by this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be punished therefor by any Court of competent jurisdiction. 40

Public Act.

VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

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**1st Session, 4th Parliament, 16 Victoria, 1853.**

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**AMENDMENTS**

To be proposed by Mr. WHITE, in Committee of the Whole, on the Bill for the separation of the County of Halton from the County of Wentworth.

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**QUEBEC:**

## A M E N D M E N T S

To be proposed by Mr. WHITE, in Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the separation of the County of Halton from the County of Wentworth.

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That all after the word "delay" in the 5th line, to the word "and" in the 6th line ; be expunged.

That all after the word "property" in the 32nd line to the word "and" in the 34th line ; be expunged, and the following substituted therefor :

" At or near such place as shall be selected and determined on by a majority of the Freeholders and Householders of the said County, in the manner hereinafter provided."

That all after the word "enacted" in the second Section be expunged, and the following substituted :

" That the said Provisional Council shall meet at the Town of Bronte, in the said County, on the first Monday in the month of                    next after the passing of this Act, a notice of such meeting shall be inserted in some newspaper published within the said County or in some adjoining County, and a copy of such notice sent by mail or otherwise to each member of such Provisional Council, at least eight days before the day appointed for such meeting, by the Warden of the said United Counties of Wentworth and Halton."

" III. And be it enacted, That the said Warden of the United Counties of Wentworth and Halton shall by a Warrant under his hand and seal, appoint some one of the Town Reeves or Deputy Town Reeves of the said County of Halton to preside at the first meeting of such Provisional Municipal Council, until a Provisional Warden shall be elected by such Provisional Municipal Council."

" IV. And be it enacted, That the first duty of the said Provisional Council, (after the appointment of the necessary Provisional Officers) shall be to pass a By-law providing for the selection of the place for the County Town, by the Freeholders and Householders rated on the Assessment Rolls for the past year, of the several Municipalities contained in the said County, by a vote to be specially taken for that purpose, each Freeholder or Householder having one vote and voting for one place, on some day during the month of                    , after at least ten days notice shall have been given in the manner to be provided by such By-law, of the time and the place where the vote will be taken in the several Municipalities forming the said County."

" V. And be it enacted, That if the result of such polling shall shew that a majority of the whole votes polled shall not have been recorded in favour of any one place, then it shall be the duty of the said Provisional Council to order another Election to be had, and taken in the manner provided in the preceding section of this Act and the By-law to be made under the same, and at such polling, the votes shall only be recorded for one of the two places which on the former vote received the greatest and the next greatest number of votes."

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“VI. And be it enacted, That such place as shall have a majority of the whole number of votes polled, of the Freeholders and Householders rated on the Assessment Rolls of the several Municipalities forming the said County, shall be the place where the County Town shall be located, and it shall be the duty of the said Provisional Council to procure as soon as may be the erection of the necessary County buildings, at such place, according to the provisions of the said Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, with all the powers by that Act or this Act conferred on such Provisional Council.”

“VII. And be it enacted, That the said Provisional Council shall have power and authority to appoint by By-law or otherwise, such and so many officers and persons as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act ; and the Provisional Warden shall administer to each person so appointed the Oath of Office prescribed by law, to be taken by any Municipal Officer, before he or they shall commence the discharge of the duties imposed on them, and each person so appointed and sworn, shall be subject to all responsibilities imposed on Municipal Officers by law.”

“VIII. And be it enacted, That so soon as the Court House and Gaol of the said County shall be erected and completed according to the provisions of the fifteenth Section of the said lastly in part recited Act, and the other provisions of the said fifteenth Section shall have been complied with by the said County, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province in Council to issue a proclamation dissolving the union between the said County of Halton and the said County of Wentworth, from the date to be mentioned in such proclamation : and all the provisions of the said lastly in part recited Act, or any other Act or Law of Upper Canada applicable to Counties on and after their being separated from other Counties, shall apply to the said Counties of Wentworth and Halton respectively.”

“IX. And be it enacted, That any person or persons who shall willfully interrupt or interfere with any of the proceedings authorized by this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be punished therefor by any Court of competent jurisdiction.”

“X. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act.”