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BY AUTHORITY.

ANNO DECIMO QUARTO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. XXXVIII.

An Act to provide for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in this Province.

Passed 30th April 1851.

**WHEREAS** for the better protection and management of the local interests of Her Majesty's subjects, it is expedient that Municipal Authorities be established in this Province; Preamble.

1. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, as follows:—

If it be desired that any County shall be incorporated under the provisions of this Act, the same shall be signified to the Lieutenant Governor in Council in manner following:

Proceedings antecedent to the incorporation of any County.

At least fifty of the resident freeholders and householders of the County paying rates upon property, shall by petition to the Sheriff, pray that a public meeting be called at the County Court House for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of incorporating the County:

Petition to the Sheriff for a public meeting.

The Sheriff shall thereupon give at least three months public notice of the day and hour at which such meeting shall be held; the notice shall contain a copy of the petition and of the names of the signers; it shall be published at least in eight weekly numbers of a newspaper printed and circulating in the County, if any, and also shall be published by printed handbills in at least ten of the most public places in each Parish:

Notice of meeting by the Sheriff.

At the meeting the Sheriff shall preside; if not less than one hundred householders and rate payers upon property are present, it shall be put to vote whether the County shall or shall not be incorporated under this Act, and if two thirds of those who vote on the question at such meeting, being householders and rate payers upon property, shall decide in the affirmative, the Sheriff shall certify the same under his hand and seal to the Lieutenant Governor in Council:

Sheriff to preside at the meeting, and if it be decided that the County shall be incorporated, he shall report the fact to the Lieutenant Governor.

If it be decided that the County shall not be incorporated, the Sheriff shall thereupon dissolve the meeting, but another meeting may be called at any time after six months from the preceding meeting, on the like petition, and similar notice for taking the question again into consideration as in the preceding provision.

If decision be adverse, meeting to be dissolved, but another may be called.

2. On receiving the certificate before mentioned from the Sheriff of any County, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, and is hereby required, to grant to such County a Charter of Incorporation, under the Great Seal of the Province, constituting the rate payers upon property of such County a Body Politic and Corporate, by the name of "The Municipality of —," (naming the County as the case may be,) and by that name the Corporation shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal; and may sue and be sued; and shall have power to take and hold within the limits of the Municipality, real property not exceeding in amount at any one time the yearly value of five hundred pounds currency, and may alienate the same; and may enjoy and exercise all other corporate powers and privileges necessary for carrying out and effecting the purposes and intention of this Act.

Governor in Council to grant a Charter on receiving the Sheriff's certificate.

Name and general powers.