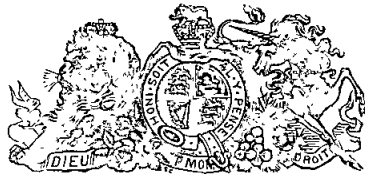


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By His Excellency CHARLES JOSEPH LA TROBE, ESQUIRE, *Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council.*

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No. XXIX.

An Act to alter "*The Victoria Electoral Act of 1851,*" and to increase the number of Members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria. [Assented to 19th January, 1853.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland passed in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria intituled "*An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies*" it was amongst other things enacted that there should be within and for the Colony of Victoria a separate Legislative Council to consist of such number of Members as should be determined by the Governor and Council of New South Wales in such manner as is therein directed and it was thereby further enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor and Council of the said Colony of Victoria after the establishment of a Legislative Council under the said Act from time to time by any Act or Acts to alter and appoint the number of Members of the said Council to be chosen by the Electoral Districts to be established under the said Act and to increase the whole number of Members of the said Council And whereas by an Act of the Governor and Legislative Council of the Colony of New South Wales passed in the fourteenth year of Her said Majesty's reign being "*The Victoria Electoral Act of 1851*" it was amongst other things enacted that the Legislative Council of the said Colony of Victoria should consist of thirty Members ten of whom should be appointed by Her Majesty according to the provisions of the said recited Act of the Imperial Parliament and twenty of whom should from time to time be elected by the inhabitants of the said Colony in the manner thereafter mentioned and it was also enacted that the said Colony of Victoria should be divided into Electoral Districts for the purpose of returning Members to serve in the said Legislative Council in manner therein mentioned And whereas it is deemed expedient to alter

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“ *The Victoria Electoral Act of 1851* ” and to increase the whole number of Members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria in manner hereinafter mentioned Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the said Colony of Victoria by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows

Number of Members increased.

I. The whole number of Members of the said Legislative Council of the said Colony of Victoria shall be increased by the additional number of twenty-four Members and the said Council shall thenceforth consist of the said thirty Members and the said twenty-four additional Members amounting in all to fifty-four Members eight of which additional Members shall be appointed by Her Majesty according to the provisions of the said Act of the Imperial Parliament and sixteen of which additional Members shall be elected as hereinafter mentioned.

Elective Members, how to be chosen.

II. The said sixteen additional elective Members shall be chosen and returned according to the provisions of “ *The Victoria Electoral Act of 1851* ” by such of the said Electoral Districts established by that Act as are set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed and each of the said Electoral Districts shall return so many Members to serve in the said Legislative Council as are set forth in the said Schedule.

Governor may issue Writs.

III. It shall be lawful for the Governor of the said Colony to issue the proper writs for the election of the said additional Elective Members in the same manner as he is now authorised and empowered by “ *The Victoria Electoral Act of 1851* ” to do in case of a General Election.

Provisions of “ *The Victoria Electoral Act of 1851* ” to apply to additional Members.

IV. Nothing in this Act contained shall be taken to alter or repeal any part of “ *The Victoria Electoral Act of 1851* ” save in so far as it relates to the number of Members of the said Legislative Council but the same save as aforesaid shall be of full force and effect as well with reference to existing Members as with reference to such Members as are hereby added to the said Legislative Council and all the enactments clauses penalties and provisions of the said Act of the Imperial Parliament and of “ *The Victoria Electoral Act of 1851* ” shall be deemed and are hereby declared to extend and to apply to the said Council hereby increased and all the proceedings thereof and connected therewith and to the nomination appointment resignation writs of election proceedings at elections disputed returns and election petitions of for and against the aforesaid additional Members in such and the same manner and as fully and amply as to the said Council previous to its being so increased as aforesaid and to the nomination appointment resignation writs of election proceedings at elections disputed returns election petitions of for and against the several Members thereof.

Present Council not affected.

V. Nothing in this Act contained shall be taken to imply the dissolution of the now existing Legislative Council of the said Colony of Victoria or to abridge extend or interfere with the period of the lawful determination thereof.

Commencement of Act.

VI. This Act shall commence and take effect from and after the thirty-first day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

## SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.

| ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.  | NUMBER OF<br>ADDITIONAL MEMBERS. |
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| (1.) The Northern Division of the County or reputed County of Bourke  | } shall return 1                 |
| (2.) The Southern Division of the County or reputed County of Bourke and the Counties or reputed Counties of Evelyn and Mornington  | } „ 1                            |
| (3.) The County or reputed County of Grant  | } „ 1                            |
| (4.) The united Counties or reputed Counties of Normanby, Dundas, and Follett   | } „ 1                            |
| (5.) The united Counties or reputed Counties of Villiers and Heytesbury   | } „ 1                            |
| (6.) The united Counties or reputed Counties of Ripon, Hampden, Grenville, and Polwarth   | } „ 1                            |
| (7.) The united Counties or reputed Counties of Talbot, Dalhousie, and Anglesea   | } „ 1                            |
| (9.) The Pastoral District of the Murray, with the exception of such part thereof as is comprised within the County or reputed County of Anglesea   | } „ 1                            |
| (10.) The Pastoral District of the Loddon (heretofore known as Western Port) with the exception of such parts thereof as are comprised within the Counties or reputed Counties of Dalhousie, Bourke, Anglesea, Evelyn, Mornington, and Talbot | } „ 1                            |
| (12.) The City of Melbourne   | } „ 3                            |
| (13.) The Town of Geelong   | } „ 1                            |
| (14.) The Town of Portland  | } „ 1                            |
| (15.) The united Towns of Belfast and Warrnambool   | } „ 1                            |
| (16.) The united Towns of Kilmore, Kyneton, and Seymour   | } „ 1                            |
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