

THE COUNTIES AND PARISHES ACT

Cap. 80.  
Law  
64 of 1960.

[23rd April, 1867.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Counties and Parishes Act. Short title.
  
2. This Island shall be divided into three counties, namely: Middlesex, Surrey and Cornwall. Island divided into counties.
  
3. The counties of Middlesex, Surrey and Cornwall shall be subdivided into and shall comprise the following parishes which shall be constituted as follows: Counties subdivided into parishes.

*The County of Middlesex*

(A) The parishes of Saint Catherine, Saint Dorothy, Saint John and Saint Thomas in the Vale shall constitute one parish under the name of the parish of Saint Catherine, and the town of Spanish Town shall be the parish town thereof.

(B) The parishes of Saint Mary and Metcalfe (as mentioned and described in section 6) shall constitute one parish, under the name of the parish of Saint Mary, and the town of Port Maria shall be the parish town thereof.

(C) The parishes of Clarendon and Vere shall constitute one parish, under the name of the parish of Clarendon, and the town of May Pen shall be the parish town thereof.

(D) The parish of Saint Ann shall constitute one parish, and the town of Saint Ann's Bay shall be the parish town thereof.

(E) The parish of Manchester (as mentioned and described in section 5) shall constitute one parish and Mandeville shall be the parish town thereof.

*The County of Surrey*

(F) The parish of Kingston shall constitute one parish and shall include the city and parish of Kingston, and the following portions of the parish of Saint Andrew, namely, Smith's Village, Hannah's Town, Fletcher's Town, and the land on each side of the Slipe Pen Road to Torrington Bridge, between the Admiral's Pen Gully on the one side, and the Race Course on the other, the Race Course, Allman's Town, and the lands south of the south gate of the Camp, and to the westward of the road leading from thence to Lisle's Chapel, as more particularly appearing in the plat or diagram of the said parish recorded with Law 20 of 1867; and the said parish of Kingston shall also include all that piece or parcel of land, part of the parish of Saint Andrew, which is bounded northerly by the Spanish Town Road, southerly by the sea, easterly by the present boundary of the parish of Kingston, and westerly by the western boundary of Bumper Hall Pen down to the sea, and the town of Port Royal and the strip of land called the Palisadoes formerly comprising the parish of Port Royal, and the head station thereof shall be in the city of Kingston.

(G) The remaining portion of the parish of Saint Andrew shall constitute one parish under the name of the parish of Saint Andrew, and Halfway-Tree shall be the head station thereof.

(H) The parish of Saint Thomas in the East, exclusive of the Manchioneal District, and the parish of Saint David

shall constitute one parish, under the name of the parish of Saint Thomas, and the town of Morant Bay shall be the parish town thereof.

(i) The parishes of Portland and Saint George, with the Manchioneal District of the parish of Saint Thomas in the East, extending south to Hector's River, and a straight line drawn between the source of that river and the nearest source of the Rio Grande shall constitute one parish under the name of the parish of Portland and the town of Port Antonio shall be the parish town thereof.

*The County of Cornwall*

(j) The parish of Trelawny shall constitute one parish, and the town of Falmouth shall be the parish town thereof.

(k) The parish of Saint James shall constitute one parish, and the town of Montego Bay shall be the parish town thereof.

(l) The parish of Hanover shall constitute one parish and the town of Lucea shall be the parish town thereof.

(m) The parish of Westmoreland shall constitute one parish, and the town of Savanna-la-Mar shall be the parish town thereof.

(n) The parish of Saint Elizabeth shall constitute one parish and the town of Black River shall be the parish town thereof.

4.—(1) The extent and boundaries of the said several and respective counties and parishes of this Island as laid down and delineated in the three maps of the representative counties and the general map of this Island (not including the parishes mentioned in sections 5 and 6 which were

Boundaries  
of counties  
and parishes  
to be as in  
Robertson's  
map.

subsequently formed) made and published by James Robertson, Surveyor, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four, and approved of by the Assembly of this Island, shall be taken and deemed to be the boundaries of the said several and respective counties and parishes, and shall be conclusive to all intents and purposes, and bind all persons whomsoever, any enactment, custom or usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding :

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S. 2(a).

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Provided that any portion of the area delineated upon a plan entitled "Plan of the district of Newmarket" identified under the hand of the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs as being the plan referred to in the Bill for a Law entitled the Counties and Parishes (Amendment) Law, 1960, and deposited in the Record Office on the 7th day of October, 1960, shall be, and shall be deemed always to have been, comprised in the parish of Saint Elizabeth :

Provided further that in determining the boundaries of the parish of Kingston all that area shown upon the maps in this section referred to as constituting the parish of Port Royal shall be deemed to be included in the boundaries of the parish of Kingston and to form part of such parish :

Law 54 of  
1949.

Provided further that any portion of the area delineated upon a plan entitled "Plan of part of the district of Rock Hall being transferred from the parish of Saint Catherine to the parish of Saint Andrew" identified under the hand of the Colonial Secretary as being the plan referred to in the Bill for a Law entitled the Counties and Parishes (Amendment) Law, 1949, and deposited at the Record Office on the 22nd day of September, 1949, which before the 1st day of April, 1949, was comprised in the parish of Saint Catherine shall be deemed from the 1st day of November, 1949, to be comprised in the parish of Saint Andrew.

Originals of  
maps to be  
recorded:  
evidence.

(2) The original of the said maps shall be recorded in the Record Office, and the said record or any copy thereof

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respectively, proved or duly attested by the Deputy Keeper of the Records, or the printed copies of the said maps already published by the said James Robertson in the year aforesaid, shall be received as evidence in all courts of justice in this Island of the boundaries of the said several counties and parishes, in all cases civil and criminal, and in all matters of litigation whatsoever, except in so far as the boundaries depicted upon such plan as being the boundaries of the respective parishes of Saint Elizabeth, Kingston and Saint Andrew may have been varied by the provisos to the subsection (1).

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S. 2 (b).

5. The districts called May Day, Mile Gully and Carpenter's Mountains, or such parts thereof as are comprised within the lines hereinafter mentioned, shall be and are hereby separated from the parishes of Vere, Clarendon and Saint Elizabeth and are hereby created and formed into a separate and distinct parish, to be included in the following lines, namely, a line drawn on Robertson's maps from the river head at Alligator Pond to the Gutters, excluding the buildings from thence to the Look-Out, including the buildings, and thence to the westernmost sink of Hector's River laid down in Robertson's maps, thence along Hector's River eastwards to the point of intersection of the line between Clarendon and Saint Elizabeth, from thence to Porus Estate, excluding the works, and from thence, following the foot of Carpenter's Mountains to the sea, at the mouth of Swift River; which said parish shall henceforward be called and known by the name of the parish of Manchester, and shall form part of the county of Middlesex and the principal town of the said parish shall be called and known by the name of Mandeville.

Parish of  
Manchester.

See section  
3. (E).

6. The districts in the neighbourhood of Annottó Bay as are respectively comprised within the lines hereinafter mentioned, are hereby separated from the parishes of Saint

Former  
parish of  
Metcalf.  
See section  
3. (B).

George and Saint Mary, and are hereby formed into a separate and distinct parish, to be included in the following lines, namely, easterly by a straight line drawn through the parish of Saint George from the place of the entrance into the sea of little Spanish River; southerly, to the junction of the Dry River road, with the line dividing the parishes of Saint George and Saint Andrew; and westerly by a straight line drawn from Blowing Point; south-westerly, to Grame's Point or Corner, on the line dividing the parishes of Saint Thomas in the Vale and Saint Mary, as delineated in Robertson's map; northerly, by the sea, and southerly by the boundary line of Saint Andrew and Saint Thomas in the Vale, which said parish shall be called and known by the name of Metcalfe and shall form part of the county of Surrey.

Parochial  
jurisdiction  
of Custos  
and Justice  
of the Peace.

7. Every Custos and Justice of the Peace shall be appointed with jurisdiction over a parish as constituted by this Act.