

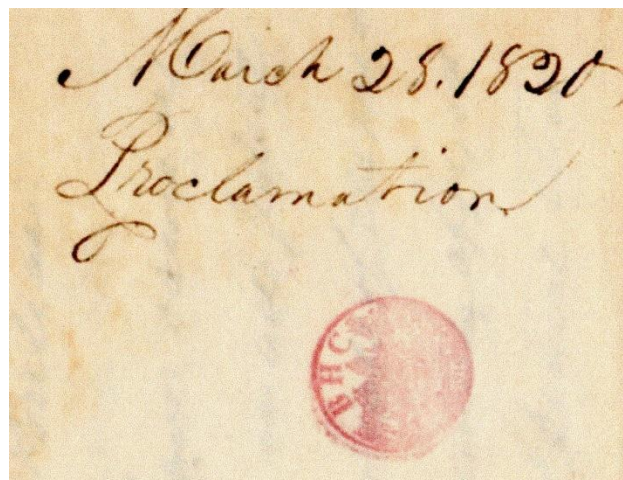
By Lewis Cass
Governor in and over the Territory of Michigan
A Proclamation

Whereas the inhabitants residing within that part of the Territory included in the County of Oakland, as the same was laid off by an act of the Governor of this Territory bearing date the twelfth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen have requested that the said County should be organized.

Now therefore I do by virtue of the provisions of the ordinance of Congress passed July 13, 1787 determine the limitations in the said act of the Governor of this territory, and I do hereby declare the tract of Country included within the said boundaries to be the County of Oakland, and the inhabitants thereof henceforth entitled to all the rights and privileges to which by law the Inhabitants of the other Counties of this territory are entitled.

And so I do in conformity with the report of the Commissioner appointed by the act aforesaid establish the seat of justice of the said County at the Town of Pontiac.

In testimony hereof I have caused these letters to be made patent and the Great Seal of the said Territory to be hereunto affixed. Done at the City of Detroit the twenty eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred twenty of the Independence of the United States the forty fourth.



March 28. 1820
Proclamation

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