

And whereas the justices of the peace for the county of Salop, in general quarter sessions assembled, at Shrewsbury, in and for the said county, on Monday the thirtieth day of December one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, did resolve, that an humble petition should be presented to Her Majesty, praying for such division or alteration as thereafter mentioned, and did adjourn the further consideration thereof at an adjournment of the general quarter sessions of the peace, held at the Shire-hall, in Shrewsbury, in and for the county of Salop, on Thursday the thirtieth day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, due notice thereof having been given to all the coroners of the said county, as two of the justices attending such adjourned sessions did thereby certify, under their hands and seals, that such petition was agreed to; and whereas the said justices have since presented their petition to Her Majesty, representing,

"That the county of Salop forms an area of about one thousand three hundred and eighty-six square miles; that it consists of upwards of two hundred thousand inhabitants, exclusive of the boroughs situate therein, having separate jurisdictions; that it extends from north to south about fifty miles, and from east to west nearly forty miles; that there are at present only four county coroners acting for the said county; that, upon reference to their accounts, it appears that they travel distances of as much as twenty, twenty-two, twenty-four, twenty-eight, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-three, and thirty-four miles to take inquests, which is not only a considerable expence to the said county, but is often productive of great inconvenience;

"That the said county consists of thirteen hundreds, viz. Albrighton, Bradford, Brimstree, Chirbury, Clun, Conover, Ford, Munslow, Oswestry, Overs, Pimhill, Purslow, and Stottesden;

"That one of the said four county coroners generally acts for the hundreds of Albrighton and Bradford, the Shiffnall division of the hundred of Brimstree, and for portions of the hundreds of Conover, Ford, and Pimhill;

"That another generally acts for the hundreds of Chirbury, Clun, Munslow, Purslow, and Overs, and for portions of the hundreds of Conover, Ford, and Stottesden;

"That a third coroner generally acts for the hundreds of Oswestry and Pimhill, together with portions of the hundreds of Conover, Ford, Munslow, and Stottesden;

"And the fourth for the hundred of Stottesden;

"That the said petitioners are of opinion that it will be expedient to divide the said county into five districts instead of four, as at present, and to have one additional coroner;

"And therefore praying Her Majesty to make such order, with the advice of Her Privy Council, as shall be requisite for the election of an additional coroner for the said county, and for dividing the said county into the following districts, that is to say;

"1. The hundreds of Oswestry and Pimhill;

"2. The hundred of Bradford, both north and

south, and that portion of the hundred of Brimstree which extends to the parish of Stockton, inclusive;

"3. The hundreds of Albrighton, Chirbury, Conover, and Ford;

"4. That portion of the hundred of Brimstree lying south of the parish of Stockton, also the hundred of Stottesden, with the exception of Cleobury Mortimer, Hopton Wafers, and the Titterstone Clee-hill, and of what lies west of Cleobury Mortimer, Hopton Wafers, and the Titterstone Clee-hill;

"5. The hundreds of Clun, Munslow, Overs, and Purslow, and that portion of the hundred of Stottesden lying west of and including Cleobury Mortimer, Hopton Wafers, and the Titterstone Clee-hill;

"No. 1 to be called, the Oswestry and Pimhill District;

"No. 2 to be called, the Bradford District;

"No. 3 to be called, the Ford District;

"No. 4 to be called, the Stottesden District; and

"No. 5 to be called, the Purslow District."

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said petition into consideration, doth, pursuant to the said Act of the seventh and eighth years of Her reign, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, declare, order, and direct, that such county shall be divided into five districts, for the purposes of the said Act, to be called by the several and respective names following, that is to say, No. 1, to be called the "Oswestry and Pimhill District;" No. 2, to be called the "Bradford District;" No. 3, to be called the "Ford District;" No. 4, to be called the "Stottesden District;" and No. 5, to be called the "Purslow District;" and it is hereby further ordered, declared, directed, and determined, that the courts to be holden for the purpose of the election of any coroner of any one or more of the said districts, respectively, when and as the same shall become necessary under the provisions of the said recited Act, shall be as follows, that is to say, for No. 1, the Oswestry and Pimhill district, to be holden at the town of Ruyton of the Eleven Towns, within the said district, and the poll to be taken there, and at the towns or villages of Whittington and Cockshut; for No. 2, the Bradford district, to be holden at the town of Hodnet, and the poll to be taken there, and at the towns of Whitchurch, Newport, and Wellington; for No. 3, the Ford district, to be holden at the town or village of Pontesbury, and the poll to be taken there, and at the village of Conover; for No. 4, the Stottesden district, to be holden at the town or village of Stottesden, and the poll to be taken there, and at the town or village of Worfield; and for No. 5, the Purslow district, to be holden at the town of Church Stretton, and the poll to be taken there, and at the town of Clun and the village of Bromfield:

And it is hereby also further declared, ordered, and directed, that this Order shall be published in the London Gazette.

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