

for that purpose, touching such petition, having due regard to the size and nature of each proposed district, the number of the inhabitants, the nature of their employments, and such other circumstances as shall appear to the justices fit to be considered in carrying into execution the provisions of the said Act; and such petition, with a description of the several proposed districts, and of the boundaries thereof, with the reasons upon which the petition is founded, shall be certified to Her Majesty under the hands and seals of two or more of the justices present when such petition shall be agreed to, and the clerk of the peace for such county shall forthwith give or send a true copy of such petition, certified under his hand, to every coroner for such county :

And whereas it is in and by the said Act further enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, if she shall think fit, with the advice of Her Privy Council, after taking into consideration any such petition, and also any petition which may be presented to her by any coroner of the same county, concerning such proposed division or alteration, or whenever it shall seem fit to Her Majesty, to direct the issue of a writ de coronatore eligendo, for the purpose of authorizing the election of an additional coroner above the number of those who have been theretofore customarily elected in such county, to order that such county shall be divided into such and so many districts, for the purposes of the said Act, as to Her Majesty, with the advice aforesaid, shall seem expedient, and to give a name to each of such districts, and to determine at what place, within each district, the court for the election of coroner for such district shall be holden as hereinafter provided, and every such Order shall be published in the London Gazette :

And whereas a petition of the justices of the peace for the county of Hertford, in Quarter Sessions assembled at the town of Hertford, on the fourteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred fifty-one, certified to Her Majesty under the hands and seals of five of the justices present when such petition was agreed to, hath been presented to Her Majesty, setting forth that there always had been two persons elected as coroners for the county of Hertford; and that by arrangement between them, the said county had been divided into two divisions, one of such coroners acting in all matters within the eastern division of the said county, and the other of such coroners acting in all matters within the western division thereof; that the said county of Hertford, including the liberty of Saint Albans, was of considerable extent, being thirty-six miles in length, twenty-eight miles in breadth, and one hundred and thirty miles in circumference, and that it would be a great convenience and saving of time to the public, a considerable diminution in the expences payable out of the county rate, and induce professional gentlemen of respectability to accept the office, which many declined to do under the present arrangement from the distance which they would have to travel from home, and the consequent unnecessary interruption to business, if the county were divided into more districts; that Francis James Osbaldeston, Gentleman, one of the coroners for the said county, and who acted for the western side of the said county, was recently dead, and that not any appointment of a coroner had been made in his stead, and that it was desirable to divide the said western side of the said county, into three districts, that Thomas Sworder, of the town of Hertford, Gentleman, was the other coroner for the said county, and acted for the eastern side thereof, whose division of the county it was not proposed to alter or interfere with; that

a description of the several proposed districts, was given in the schedule to the said petition, and that the boundaries of each district were shewn by the map or plan thereunto annexed, and upon which each district was differently coloured; that the preliminaries and notices under the second and third sections of the above-mentioned Act had been duly complied with and given; and humbly praying that the said county of Hertford, including the liberty of Saint Albans, might for the purposes of the said Act be divided into four districts, in the manner set forth in the schedule to the said petition, or as near thereto as circumstances would admit, and that a separate coroner might be elected forthwith for the Hemel Hempstead District, the Saint Albans District, and the Hitchin District, the same forming, as near as circumstances would admit, the western division of the said county, for which the said Francis James Osbaldeston, previous to his death, used to act; and that the parishes and places within the eastern division of the said county, for which the said Thomas Sworder had been accustomed to act, and then did act, might constitute the fourth district of the said county, and be called the Hertford District :

And whereas a petition has been presented to Her Majesty by the present coroner for the county of Hertford, in the said petition mentioned, concerning the proposed division of the said county :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said petition of the justices of the peace, together with the petition of the coroner above-mentioned, into her royal consideration, is pleased by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to accede to the prayer of the petition of the said justices of the peace, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the county of Hertford, including the liberty of Saint Albans, shall, from and after the publication of this Order in the London Gazette, be divided into four districts, for the purposes of the said recited Act ;

That the names of the said districts respectively shall be—

The Hemel Hempstead District,
The Saint Albans District,
The Hitchin District, and
The Hertford District :

That the Hemel Hempstead District shall comprize and consist of the hamlets following; that is to say: the parish of Hemel Hempstead, the hamlet of Bovington, the parishes of Great Berkhamstead, Tring, and Long Marston, the hamlet of Wilsterne, the parishes of Aldbury, Northchurch, Great Gaddesden, Little Gaddesden, Kings Langley, and Flaunden, the hamlet of Friethsden, and the parishes of Puttenham, Wigginton, Sarratt, Flamstead, Studham, Kensworth, and Caddington :

That the court for the election of coroner for the district of Hemel Hempstead, shall be holden at the town of Hemel Hempstead, and that the poll for the election of coroner in the said district, shall be taken at Hemel Hempstead aforesaid :

That the Saint Albans District shall comprize and consist of the parishes and hamlets following; that is to say: the parishes of Saint Michael, Saint Peter, Saint Stephens, Harpenden, Saundridge, Wheathamstead, Redbourn, North Mimms, Shenley, and Ridge, the hamlet of Totteridge, the parishes of Chipping Barnett, East Barnett, Aldenham, Watford, Rickmansworth, Abbots Langley, Bushey, the Abbey Parish, and Northaw, the hamlet of Theobald Street, and the parish of Elstree ;