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[The following Order in Council is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of Tuesday last.]

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 30th day of *January*, 1854.

PRESENT.

The **QUEEN's** Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS, by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament holden in the seventh and eighth years of Her Majesty's reign, it was enacted that when and as often as it should seem expedient to the justices of any county that such county should be divided into two or more districts for the purposes of the said Act, or that any alteration should be made of any division theretofore made under the said Act, it should be lawful for the said justices, in general quarter session assembled, to resolve that a petition should be presented to Her Majesty, praying that such division or alteration be made, and thereupon to adjourn the further consideration of such petition until notice thereof should be given to the coroner or coroners of such county as hereinafter provided; and that the clerk of the peace should give notice of any such resolution to every coroner for such county, and of the time when the petition will be taken by the said justices into consideration, and the justices should confer with every such coroner who should attend the meeting of the justices for that purpose touching such petition, having due regard to the size and nature of such proposed district, the number of the inhabitants, the nature of their employments, and such other circumstances as should appear to the justices fit to be considered in carrying into execution the provisions of this 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, should be certified to Her Majesty, under the hands and seals of two or more of the justices present when such petition should be agreed to, and the clerk of the peace for such county should forthwith give or send a true copy of such petition, certified under his hand, to every coroner for such county.

And whereas the justices of the county of Northumberland, in quarter sessions assembled, did, on the nineteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, resolve that a petition should be presented to Her Majesty, pray-

ing that the said county should be divided into two districts, for the purposes of the aforesaid Act, and thereupon the consideration of the said petition was adjourned according to the provisions of the said Act, and due notice of the said resolution, and of the time when the same would be taken into consideration, was duly given to the existing coroner for the said county; and the said petition was afterwards duly taken into consideration and agreed to by the justices of the said county, in pursuance of the said Act; and the Clerk of the Peace for the said county did forthwith, on the said petition being agreed to, give a true copy thereof, certified under his hand, to the existing coroner for the said county; and whereas the said petition hath been certified to Her Majesty, under the hands and seals of two of the justices present when the same was agreed to.

And whereas the said petition sets forth: "That the county of Northumberland is a very large district in point of area, and considerable in point of population; that hitherto there have been two coroners elected for the whole county; that one of the coroners is lately dead; that Her Majesty's justices of the peace, in quarter sessions assembled, on the nineteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, came to a resolution that it was expedient, for the purpose of saving great and unnecessary expenses in the election of a coroner, to divide the county of Northumberland into two districts, for the purpose of carrying into effect a statute passed in the session of the seventh and eighth of Her Majesty's reign, cap. ninety-two, intituled 'An Act to amend the law respecting the office of county coroner,' and that such districts should be the Northern and Southern Divisions of the said county, as they are thereafter more particularly described; that, besides the saving of the expense of elections contemplated by the statute, by adopting the said resolution, much cost will also be saved to the county, by not having in many cases to bring the coroner from great distances, and to parishes and townships, by the constables thereof not having to travel such distances to the coroner to give notice of deaths; that notice of the above resolutions has been given to Stephen Reed, Esquire, the present coroner for the said county, and that the said petition would be taken by the said justices into consideration on the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, at the court-house at Morpeth, in the said county; that hitherto the two coroners of the said county have, by a com-