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AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,
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PRESENT,

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

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the session of Parliament, held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for rendering more easy the taking the poll at County Elections," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, from time to time, on petition from the Justices of any county, riding, parts, or division in England or Wales in Quarter Session assembled, representing that the number of polling places for such county, riding, parts, or division, is insufficient, and praying that the place or places mentioned in the said petition may be a polling place, or polling places, for the county, riding, parts, or division of the county within which such place or places is or are situate, to declare that any place or places mentioned in the said Petition shall be a polling place or polling places for that county, riding, parts or division; and that the Justices of the Peace for such county, riding, parts, or division, in Quarter Sessions or some special Sessions assembled, as mentioned in the Act passed in the third year of the reign of His said late Majesty, intituled "An Act to settle and describe the divisions of Counties and the limits of Cities and Boroughs in England and Wales," in so far as respects the election of members to serve in Parliament shall, conformably to the said last-mentioned Act, divide such county, riding, parts, or division into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place:

And whereas by another Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to limit the time for proceeding to Elections in Counties and Boroughs in England and Wales, and for polling at Elections for the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for other purposes," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time hereafter, on Petition from the Justices in Quarter Sessions assembled of any county, riding, parts, or division of any county other than any county of a city or of a town in England and Wales, representing that it would be expedient that any polling

place or places mentioned in the said Petition should cease to be such, and that any other place or places mentioned in the said Petition should be substituted in lieu thereof, and praying that such alteration and substitution might be made, to declare that the said alteration and substitution shall be made in respect of all or any of the places mentioned in the said Petition, and the said declaration shall be certified under the hand of one of the clerks in ordinary of Her Majesty's Privy Council, and, when so certified, shall be published in the London Gazette, and shall then be of the same force and effect as if the same had been expressly made by the authority of Parliament:

And whereas the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the county of Surrey in General Quarter Sessions assembled at Guildford, in and for the said county, on Tuesday, the third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, have presented their Petition to Her Majesty, representing that the number of polling places in the eastern division of the said county is insufficient, and that it would be expedient that Saint Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, should cease to be a polling place for the said division, and that Southwark should be substituted in lieu thereof:

The Petitioners, therefore, humbly prayed that Her Majesty would be pleased, with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare that Richmond, in the said division of the said county, shall be a polling place for the said division, and that Saint Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, shall cease to be a polling place for the said division, and that Southwark shall be substituted in lieu thereof.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said Petition into consideration, doth, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, declare, order, and direct that Richmond, in the said division of the said county, shall be a polling place for the said division, and further, that Saint Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, shall cease to be a polling place for the said division, and that Southwark shall be substituted and be a polling place for the said division of the said county in lieu thereof; and further that the Justices of the Peace for the said county in Quarter Sessions assembled, or some special Sessions as mentioned in the said Act passed in the third year of the reign of His said late Majesty, shall, conformably to the said last-mentioned Act, divide the said division into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place.

Arthur Helps.