

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 27th day of *November*, 1872.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the seventh and eighth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to amend the law respecting the office of County Coroner," it (amongst other things) enacted, that when and as often as it shall seem expedient to the Justices of any county that such county should be divided into two or more districts, for the purposes of that Act, it shall be lawful for the said Justices, in General or Quarter Sessions assembled, to resolve that a petition shall be presented to Her Majesty, praying that such division be made, and thereupon to adjourn the further consideration of such petition until notice thereof shall be given to the Coroner or Coroners of such county, as therein-after provided; and further, that the Clerk of the Peace shall give notice of any such resolution to every Coroner for such county, and of the time when the petition shall be taken by the said Justices into consideration, and the Justices shall confer with every such Coroner, who shall attend the meeting of the Justices 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 that 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 have been agreed to; and that 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 of such county; and further, 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 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 that 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 should be holden as therein-after provided, and every such Order shall be published in the *London Gazette*. And whereas, by the twenty-eighth section of the same Act, it is provided that, in construing that Act, the word "county" shall be taken to mean county, riding, or division of a county, in and for which a separate Coroner hath been customarily elected. And whereas, since the passing of the Act of Parliament twenty-three and twenty-four Victoria, cap. one hundred and sixteen, for amending the said first-mentioned Act of Parliament, the Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Southampton, in Quarter Sessions assembled, on the fifth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, have, pursuant to the said Acts of Parliament,

presented to Her Majesty a petition under the hands and seals of two of the said Justices present when the said petition was agreed to, WHEREBY, after reciting that by an Act of Parliament passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to amend the Law respecting the office of Coroner," it is provided that when and as often as it shall seem expedient to the Justices of any county that such county should be divided into two or more districts, for the purposes of that Act, or that any alteration should be made of any division theretofore made under that Act, it should be lawful for the said Justices, in Sessions or Quarter Sessions assembled, to resolve that a petition should be presented to Her Majesty, praying that such alteration or addition 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 therein-after provided. And whereas no such petition as aforesaid had hitherto been presented to Her Majesty, and the said county had not been then divided into districts for the purposes of the said Acts; and that there had been from time immemorial, and were then, three Coroners in and for the said county, exclusive of the Coroner for the Isle of Wight, and the Coroners for the hundreds of Christchurch, Ringwood, and Fordingbridge, and that such three Coroners had been from time to time appointed by the freeholders of the whole county, exclusive of the Isle of Wight and the hundreds of Christchurch, Ringwood, and Fordingbridge, and possessed equal jurisdiction as Coroners over the whole county exclusive as aforesaid; nevertheless, it appeared that the said county exclusive as aforesaid had been by way of mutual arrangement divided by such Coroners into three districts, and each Coroner had customarily acted in and for one of such districts. And that Mr. John Henry Todd, one of such Coroners, had recently died, namely, on the sixteenth day of May last, and that the said John Henry Todd customarily acted within the Petty Sessional Divisions of Alton, Winchester, Droxford, Southampton, and Romsey, and such parts of the Lymington, and New Forest, and Ringwood divisions, as are not included in the hundreds aforesaid. That on the twenty-fourth day of June last, Mr. Robert Harfield had been duly elected by the freeholders of the said county to the office of Coroner, in the room of the said John Henry Todd, and was then one of such three Coroners, and that Mr. Edward Hoskins, another of such Coroners, had customarily acted and still acted within the Petty Sessional Divisions of Fareham and Petersfield, and Mr. Spencer Clarke, another of such Coroners, had customarily acted and still acted within the Petty Sessional Divisions of Andover, Kingsclere, Basingstoke, and Odiham. And whereas at the General Quarter Sessions for the said county, holden at Winchester, on the first day of July last, it had been resolved that it was expedient that the said county, exclusive as aforesaid, should be divided into four districts for the purposes of the said Act, and that such districts should be as follows:—

No. 1. District, to be named the Fareham District, to comprise the parishes in the Fareham and Petersfield Petty Sessional Divisions,—the Court for the election of Coroner for such district to be holden at Fareham.

No. 2. District, to be named the Southampton District, to comprise the parishes in the Southampton and Romsey Divisions, and such of the parishes within the Lymington, and New Forest, and Ringwood Petty Sessional Divisions as are not within the hundreds of Christchurch, Ringwood,