

and Fordingbridge,—the Court for the election of Coroner for such district to be holden at Southampton.

No. 3 District, to be named the Winchester District, to comprise the parishes in the Winchester, Alton, and Droxford Petty Sessional Divisions,—the Court for the election of Coroner for such district to be holden at Winchester.

No. 4 District, to be named the Basingstoke District, to comprise the parishes in the Andover, Kingsclere, Basingstoke, and Odiham Petty Sessional Divisions,—the Court for the election of Coroner for such district to be holden at Basingstoke.

And it was further resolved that a petition should be presented to Her Majesty, praying that such division of the said county (exclusive as aforesaid), as thereinbefore set forth, might be made for the purposes of the said Act, and that a notice of such resolution should be given to the then existing Coroners, and any persons who might be elected to the office previously to such petition being presented. And that notice of such resolution had been accordingly given to the said Edward Hoskins, Spencer Clarke, and Robert Harfield, and that the petition to be presented to Her Majesty under the said Act for the purpose aforesaid, would be taken into consideration on the fifth day of August then instant. And that the said petition had that day been taken into consideration in the presence of the said Edward Hoskins, Spencer Clarke, and Robert Harfield, and the petitioners had conferred with the said Coroners touching the said petition, having due regard to the size and nature of each proposed district, the number of inhabitants, the nature of their employments, and such other circumstances as appeared to the petitioners fit to be considered in carrying into execution the provisions of the said Act.

The petitioners, therefore, humbly prayed Her Majesty, that Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, might be pleased to order that such division of the said county as was thereinbefore set forth, might be made for the following (among other) reasons, that was to say :

1. Because some division is practically essential to the proper discharge by the Coroners of their duties, but it is inconvenient that such division should be made arbitrarily by the Coroners themselves, and be liable to revision and alteration without reference to any local or other authority.
2. Because the number of Coroners at present acting in and for the said county, exclusive as aforesaid, is insufficient for the performance of the duties of the office, regard being had to public convenience and economy, and the present arrangement may be most advantageously improved by the division of the Petty Sessional Divisions of Alton, Winchester, Droxford, Southampton, Romsey, and such parts of the Lymington and New Forest and Ringwood Divisions as are not included in the hundreds aforesaid, into two districts, being Nos. 2 and 3 Districts hereinbefore set forth.
3. Because such districts when defined ought to be conterminous with the police, or Petty Sessional Divisions of the county, on account of the necessary connection between the police and the duties discharged by the Coroners.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council, having taken the said petition into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to grant the prayer thereof, and to

declare, order, and determine that the said county, exclusive as aforesaid, shall be divided into the four districts in the said petition in that behalf mentioned and described, being the four districts therein respectively numbered one, two, three, and four, and comprising respectively the several parishes and places in the said petition in that behalf mentioned, and that the aforesaid No. 1 District shall be named the Fareham District, and the Court for the election of Coroner for such district shall be holden at Fareham; and that the aforesaid No. 2 District shall be named the Southampton District, and that the Court for the election of Coroner for such district shall be holden at Southampton; and that the aforesaid No. 3 District shall be named the Winchester District, and that the Court for the election of Coroner for such district shall be holden at Winchester; and that the aforesaid No. 4 District shall be named the Basingstoke District, and the Court for the election of Coroner for such district shall be holden at Basingstoke. And further to declare, order and direct that this Order shall be published in the London Gazette.

*Arthur Helps.*

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

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the first session of Parliament holden in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to abridge the holding of benefices in plurality, and to make better provision for the residence of the clergy," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "That whenever it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, with respect to his own diocese, and whenever it shall be represented to him by the bishop of any diocese, or by the bishops of any two dioceses, that two or more benefices, or that one or more benefice or benefices, and one or more spiritual sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages, in his or their diocese or dioceses, being either in the same parish or contiguous to each other, and of which the aggregate population shall not exceed one thousand five hundred persons, and the aggregate yearly value shall not exceed five hundred pounds, may, with advantage to the interests of religion, be united into one benefice, the said Archbishop of the Province shall inquire into the circumstances of the case; and if on such inquiry it shall appear to him that such union may be usefully made, and will not be of inconvenient extent, and that the patron or patrons of the said benefices, sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages respectively, is or are consenting thereto, such consent being signified in writing under the hands of such patron or patrons, the said Archbishop shall, six weeks before certifying such inquiry and consent to Her Majesty, as herein after directed, cause, with respect to his own diocese, a statement in writing of the facts, and in other cases a copy in writing of the aforesaid representation, to be affixed on or near the principal outer door of the church, or in some public and conspicuous place in each of such benefices, sinecure rectories, or vicarages, with notice to any person or persons interested, that he, she, or they, may, within such six weeks, show cause in writing under his, her, or their hand or hands, to the said Archbishop,