

Consideration any such petition which might be presented to Her by any coroner of the same county, concerning such proposed division or alteration, or whenever it should seem fit to Her Majesty, to direct the issue of a writ *de coronatore eligendo*, for the purpose of authorising the election of an additional coroner above the number of those who had been theretofore customarily elected in such county, to order that such county should be divided into such and so many districts, for the purposes of that Act, as to Her Majesty, with the advice aforesaid, should seem expedient, and to give a name to each of such districts, and to determine at what place within such district the court for the election of coroner for such district should be holden, as hereinafter provided; and every such Order should be published in the London Gazette :

And whereas the justices for the county of Somerset, in general or quarter session assembled, at the city of Wells, in and for the said county, on the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, did resolve, that a humble petition should be presented to Her Majesty, praying for such division or alteration as therein-after mentioned, due notice thereof having been given to all the coroners of the said county ; and two of the justices attending such general or quarter session did thereby certify, under their hands and seals, that such petition was agreed to :

And whereas the said justices have since presented their petition to Her Majesty, representing,

That great inequality exists in the three districts into which the said county is practically though not legally divided, as regards the duties of the three coroners for the whole of such county; that one of such coroners now holds inquests over almost the whole of one of the two divisions of the county (as divided by the Reform Act), viz. the western division; that that coroner is seventy-eight years of age, and has availed himself of the power given him to appoint a deputy; that Her Majesty's petitioners have had 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 appear to Her Majesty's petitioners fit to be considered in carrying into execution the provisions of the statute of the seventh and eighth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 92, and have sent to the said several coroners, as directed by the said Act, notices of the intention of taking this into consideration at the present session, and have also sent with such notices copies of the map or plan hereinafter mentioned; and the said coroners have, on the twenty-fourth of March instant, appeared before the justices of the peace composing the finance committee of the said county, and acquiesced in the proposed division :

And, therefore, praying that, for the reasons hereinbefore set forth, the said county may be divided into three districts, as shewn and delineated on the map or plan thereunto an-

nexed, describing the several proposed districts, and the boundaries thereof; and that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to give to district No. 1, the name of the Northern District; to district No. 2, the name of the South Eastern District; and to district No. 3, the name of the Western District; and also to determine, that the place within each district, at which the court for the election of coroner for such district shall be hereafter held, shall be as follows; that is to say, at Axbridge, for district No. 1; at Castle Carey, for district No. 2; and at Taunton, for district No. 3.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Hundreds.	Area in Acres.	Population, 1841.
Bath Forum, with Hampton and Claverton, exclusive of Bath Coroner	15890	10253
Keynsham	24520	9538
Portbury	23980	10740
Hartcliffe and Bedminster	19440	22414
Chew and Chewton	46700	19654
Winterstoke	62030	21986
Bempstone	24530	8158
Brent with Wrington	18210	5188
Wells Forum	30090	11981
Wellow	21900	10648
(Exclusive of Bath Coroner.)		
Totals	287290	130560

SECOND DISTRICT.

Hundreds.	Area in Acres.	Population, 1841.
Frome with Mells and Leigh	37620	21093
Kilmersdon	15400	6951
Whitstone.....	33150	12370
Bruton	14250	4137
Norton Ferris	18730	5401
Horethorne	26870	7576
Catash	25340	7994
Stone	10740	8706
Somerton	25450	5781
Whitley (except two detached parts enclosed in Third District)	44980	12251
Martock	6930	3095
Tintinhull.....	7450	4548
Pitney, exclusive of Langport.....	3030	814
Houndsborough, Barwick, and Coker	18890	8522
Crewkerne	13260	7495
Glastonbury	24610	6908
Parish of Rimpton, a detached portion of Taunton Dean.....	670	223
(Exclusive of Langport Coroner.)		
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