

ever it should 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 had been theretofore customarily elected to 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 each district the court for the election of coroner for such district should be holden, as thereafter provided, and every such Order should be published in the London Gazette; and whereas the justices of the peace for the county of Cardigan, assembled in general quarter session on the fourteenth of October one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, did resolve that an humble petition should be presented to Her Majesty, praying that such division or alteration as thereafter mentioned should be made, and did adjourn the further consideration thereof until the general quarter sessions of the peace held on the sixth day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, due notice thereof having been given to the coroner for the said county, as directed by the Act; and whereas the said justices have since presented their petition to Her Majesty, certified under the hands and seals of three of the justices present when the said petition was agreed to, and humbly representing that two coroners only have heretofore been customarily elected in and for the said county; that the said county has been heretofore divided into two divisions, called the Upper Division and the Lower Division; that one of such coroners has usually resided at the town of Aberystwyth, in the upper division of the said county, and that the whole of the inquests in such upper division are held by him; that the other coroner for the said county has usually resided at the town of Lampeterpontstephen, in the lower division of the said county, and the whole of the inquests in the said lower division have been held by him; that, owing to the increase in the population of the said county, the number of inquests holden therein have necessarily been augmented, by reason whereof the office of coroner for the said county hath become of greater importance, and the duties of such officers are more onerous and responsible; that much difficulty and inconvenience result, as well from the residence of the two coroners

at nearly the remotest parts of their respective districts, as also from the great extent of such districts, whereby the holding of inquests is not only frequently delayed beyond a reasonable and proper time, in consequence of the difficulty of obtaining the immediate attendance of a coroner, but a great additional expence is necessarily entailed upon the said county by reason of the heavy travelling and other expences of the said coroners; that the county town of Cardigan is situate in the lower division of the county, and at almost the extreme end of it, being distant from Lampeterpontstephen, the place of residence of the coroner holding the inquests in the lower division of the county, nearly thirty miles; that this circumstance, to a town of the size of Cardigan, containing as it does a population of two thousand nine hundred and twenty-five persons, is frequently a source not only of difficulty and delay in the holding of inquests, but of detriment to the inhabitants thereof; that previous to the passing of the Act 5 and 6 William Fourth, c. 76, a coroner was appointed for the town of Cardigan, but that by the said Act the office of borough coroner was abolished; that at the last general quarter sessions of the peace held in and for the said county, on the fourteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, it was resolved, that a petition be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the said county might be divided into three districts, for the purposes of an Act, 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," and the consideration of such petition having been adjourned until the general quarter sessions held on the sixth day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and having been then taken into consideration by the petitioners, after notice thereof given to the coroner for the county, as directed by the said Act, and with a view of removing the inconvenience and expence before stated to be entailed upon the said county, by reason of there being only two coroners appointed for the same, and also for applying a remedy for the evils aforesaid, the petitioners most humbly prayed, that Her Majesty might be most graciously pleased to take their petition into consideration, and, with the advice of Her Privy Council, to direct that the said county might be divided into three districts for the purposes of the said recited Act, and that such