

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 of the county of Devon, assembled in quarter sessions on the day of one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, did resolve that an humble petition should be presented to Her Majesty, praying for such division or alteration as thereafter mentioned, and did adjourn the further consideration thereof until the quarter sessions held on the day of one thousand eight hundred and forty-six; and whereas due notice of such resolution and adjournment, and of the time when such petition would be taken into consideration, was duly given by the clerk of the peace of the said county to every coroner of the said county; and whereas on the day of pursuant to the said adjournment, the several coroners of the said county did attend and confer with the justices of the said county; and whereas the said justices did afterwards present to Her Majesty their petition, certified under the hands and seals of three of the justices present when the said petition was agreed to, representing, that at the quarter sessions of the peace held for the said county of Devon on the day of one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, Her Majesty's said justices of the peace then and there assembled passed the following resolution, "that by an Act, passed in the seventh and eight years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act to amend the law respecting the office of county coroner,' it is enacted, that when it should 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 general or quarter sessions assembled, to resolve that a petition should be presented to your Majesty, praying that such division or alteration be made, and thereupon

to adjourn the further consideration of such petition until notice thereof should be given to the coroners of such county, as thereafter provided; that the clerk of the peace should give notice of any such resolution to every coroner for such county, and of the time when the petition would be taken by the said justices into consideration, and the justices should confer with every such coroner who should 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 should appear to the justices fit to be considered in carrying into execution the provisions of that Act, and such petition, with a description of the several proposed districts, and of the boundaries thereof, with the reasons upon which the petition is founded, should be certified to your Majesty, under the hands and seals of two or more of the justices present when such petition should be agreed to, and the clerk of the peace for such county should forthwith give or send a true copy of such petition, certified under his hand, to every coroner for such county; and it is further enacted, that it shall be lawful to your Majesty, if your Majesty shall think fit, with the advice of your Privy Council, after taking into consideration any such petition, and also any petition which might be presented by any coroner of such county, concerning any such proposed division or alteration, to order that such county shall be divided into such and so many districts, for the purposes of that Act, as to your 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 shall be holden, as therein provided, and every such Order should be published in the London Gazette; that it did seem expedient to the justices of the peace for the county of Devon, assembled at their Michaelmas sessions, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, acting under the powers and provisions of the said Act of Parliament, and taking into consideration all the circumstances appearing to them fit to be considered in carrying into execution the provisions of the said Act, that for the more convenient election of the coroners, and for the better enabling them to