

and direct, that the place named in the said petition, namely, the town or place of Tunstall, shall be a polling place for the northern division of the county of Stafford; and further, that the justices of the peace for the said county, assembled in quarter sessions or some special sessions, as in the said Act secondly above mentioned is mentioned, shall, conformably to that Act, divide the said northern division into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place.

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 11th day of *February* 1848,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by 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," it is 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, 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 Her Majesty, praying that such division or alteration be made, and thereupon to adjourn the further consideration of such petition until notice thereof be given to the coroner or coroners of such county as thereafter provided; and it is thereby further enacted, 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 Her Majesty, under the hands and seals of two or more 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 thereby further enacted, that it should be lawful for Her Majesty, if she should think fit, with the advice of Her Privy Council, after taking into consideration any such petition, and also any 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 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 of the county of Dorset, assembled in quarter sessions on the twentieth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, did resolve, that an humble petition should be presented to Her Majesty, praying for such diversion or alteration as thereafter mentioned, and did adjourn the further consideration thereof until a general quarter sessions, holden on the twenty-ninth day of June one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven; and whereas due notice of such resolution and adjournment, and of the time when such petition would be taken into consideration, having been duly given by the clerk of the peace of the said county to every coroner of the said county; and whereas, on the twenty-ninth day of June one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, 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, on the twenty-sixth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, present to Her Majesty their petition, certified to Her under the hands and seals of two of the justices present when such petition was agreed to, representing that the said county of Dorset (in such parts as are not subject to the jurisdiction of local coroners) hath been customarily, though not legally, divided into three districts, for the purpose of holding inquests, during the space of seven years and upwards, before the passing of the said Act; that the coroner of one of such districts, namely, the Western District, resides at Cerne Abbas, being at the extreme easterly end of his district, and at a distance of nearly thirty miles from the westerly boundary thereof; that in consequence great discontent has been expressed and inconvenience felt by the inhabitants of the more westerly parts of such district, namely, the towns and neighbourhoods of Bridport, Lyme Regis, Thorncombe, and Beaminster, which are at a distance of twenty and thirty miles from the residence of the said coroners; that the said coroner of the western district, knowing the discontent expressed by the said inhabitants, has lately availed himself of the powers given to him to appoint a deputy, whose residence is at Bridport; but that the appointment of a deputy coroner, on the part of the coroner for the western district, as at present constituted,