

such county should forthwith give or send a true copy of such petition, certified under his hand, to every coroner for such county.

And whereas the justices of the county of Northumberland, in quarter sessions assembled, did, on the nineteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, resolve that a petition should be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the said county should be divided into two districts, for the purposes of the aforesaid Act, and thereupon the consideration of the said petition was adjourned according to the provisions of the said Act, and due notice of the said resolution, and of the time when the same would be taken into consideration, was duly given to the existing coroner for the said county; and the said petition was afterwards duly taken into consideration and agreed to by the justices of the said county, in pursuance of the said Act; and the Clerk of the Peace for the said county did forthwith, on the said petition being agreed to, give a true copy thereof, certified under his hand, to the existing coroner for the said county; and whereas the said petition hath been certified to Her Majesty, under the hands and seals of two of the justices present when the same was agreed to.

And whereas the said petition sets forth: "That the county of Northumberland is a very large district in point of area, and considerable in point of population; that hitherto there have been two coroners elected for the whole county; that one of the coroners is lately dead; that Her Majesty's justices of the peace, in quarter sessions assembled, on the nineteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, came to a resolution that it was expedient, for the purpose of saving great and unnecessary expenses in the election of a coroner, to divide the county of Northumberland into two districts, for the purpose of carrying into effect a statute passed in the session of the seventh and eighth of Her Majesty's reign, cap. ninety-two, intituled 'An Act to amend the law respecting the office of county coroner,' and that such districts should be the Northern and Southern Divisions of the said county, as they are thereafter more particularly described; that, besides the saving of the expense of elections contemplated by the statute, by adopting the said resolution, much cost will also be saved to the county, by not having in many cases to bring the coroner from great distances, and to parishes and townships, by the constables thereof not having to travel such distances to the coroner to give notice of deaths; that notice of the above resolutions has been given to Stephen Reed, Esquire, the present coroner for the said county, and that the said petition would be taken by the said justices into consideration on the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, at the court-house at Morpeth, in the said county; that hitherto the two coroners of the said county have, by a common understanding, confined themselves to the said districts, although, in point of law, each of them had jurisdiction over the whole county, and each of them were elected by the freeholders thereof; that the petitioners consider that it would be better to legalize this subdivision under the statute above referred to, and that the description of the districts and the boundaries thereof, which it is proposed by the said petition to adopt, should be as follows; that is to say; that the Northern Division of the county of Northumberland should include the whole of the several wards of Bambrough, Coquetdale, Glendale, Morpeth and Norham, and Islandshires, but excluding therefrom the townships of Tweedmouth and Spittal,

as they now by statute form part of the county of the borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed; and that the Southern Division should include the whole of the several wards of Tynedale, Castle, and Bedlingtonshire, but excluding therefrom the several townships of Byker, Heaton, Jesmond, Westgate, and Elswick, as they now by statute form part of the town and county of the town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne; that another reason upon which the said petition is founded arises from the fact of the great increase of population in the southern part of the county, near to the town and county of the town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, which population has vastly increased within the last twenty years, and that, therefore, in the southern part of the county, the duties of coroner have very much increased, so much so as to make it necessary that a coroner should reside constantly in that district of the county."

And whereas it appears to Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, that the customary division of the said county, mentioned in the said petition, had subsisted for more than seven years before the passing of the said Act; and whereas it has seemed fit to Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, after taking the said petition into consideration, to order that the said county shall be divided into two districts, hereinafter described, for the purposes of the said Act, being the same districts into which the said county hath been customarily divided as aforesaid: Now it is hereby ordered that the county of Northumberland shall be, and is hereby, divided into two districts for the purposes of the said Act; that the districts be called the Northern Division of the county of Northumberland, and the Southern Division of the county of Northumberland respectively; that the district called the Northern Division shall consist of and include the whole of the wards of Bambrough, Coquetdale, Glendale, Morpeth, Norham, and Islandshires, excluding the townships of Tweedmouth and Spittal, and that the court for the election of coroner for the said district shall be held at Alnwick; that the district called the Southern Division shall include the whole of the wards of Tynedale, Castle, and Bedlingtonshire, excluding the townships of Byker, Heaton, Jesmond, Westgate and Elswick, and that the court for the election of coroner for the said district shall be holden at Newcastle-upon-Tyne; that the district in and for which the said Stephen Reed, Esquire, usually acted before the passing of this Act, being the district called the Southern Division, shall be assigned to the said Stephen Reed, in pursuance of the said Act. And it is further ordered that this Order be forthwith published in the London Gazette.

*Wm. L. Buthurst.*

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 30th day of *January*, 1854.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues," and of another Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to explain and amend two several Acts relating to the