

those who have been theretofore customarily elected in such county, to order that such county shall be divided into such and so many districts, for the purposes of that Act, as to Her Majesty, with the advice aforesaid, shall 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 the Coroner for such district shall be holden as thereinafter provided; and every such Order shall be published in the London Gazette:

And whereas it has seemed expedient to the Justices of the Peace of the said county of Berks, that the said county should be divided into two or more districts for the purposes of the said Act, and thereupon the said Justices in General or Quarter Sessions assembled, did, on or about the seventeenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, resolve that a petition should be presented to Her Majesty, praying that such division might be made, and the said Justices thereupon adjourned the further consideration of such petition until an adjourned Quarter Sessions holden on third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one:

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 the Justices of the Peace of the said county have, pursuant to the aforesaid resolution, presented to Her Majesty a petition, certified under the hands and seals of two of the Justices present when the said petition was agreed to, setting forth amongst other things, that it having seemed expedient to the Justices at large of the said county, that the said county should be divided into four districts for the purposes of the said Act, it had been resolved as aforesaid, and that the Justices had adjourned the further consideration of such petition until the Easter Sessions, held at Reading on the said third day of April, and that such notice as aforesaid had been given, and that the Coroners of the said county had severally acknowledged the receipt thereof, but that neither of the said Coroners had attended the sessions and meeting of the Justices for and at which the aforesaid petition was further considered. And further stating that the county of Berks contained an area of about seven hundred and fifty-two square miles, or four hundred and eighty-one thousand two hundred and eighty acres, and had a population of about one hundred and thirty thousand four hundred and eighty-three, exclusive of those boroughs which had Coroners of their own, and being also a very long county (measuring in length from east to west about forty-five miles), it would be desirable to assign a district to each of the four Coroners, in order that there should be one within a reasonable distance of all parts of the county, and thus prevent the inconvenience of having two Coroners called in to hold the same inquest:

And further stating, that the municipal boroughs of Abingdon, Newbury, Reading, and Windsor, within the said county, had Coroners of their own, to the exclusion of the County Coroners:

And further stating, that having due regard to the size and nature of each district, the number of its inhabitants, the nature of their employments, and other circumstances which appeared to the Justices fit to be considered in carrying into execu-

tion the provisions of the said statute, the said Justices humbly prayed Her Majesty, that the county of Berks might be divided into four districts, for the purposes of the said Act (that is to say), by drawing a line from east to west, commencing at the River Thames, between the parishes of Moulsoford and Streatley; and thence between Compton and East Ilsley; between Peasmore and Brightwalton; between Shefford and Chaddlesworth, and so on to Wilts, making Lamborne parish the boundary on the north side of the proposed line. All on the north of that proposed line, to be again subdivided, and to form the Abingdon and Wantage districts; and all on the south side to be subdivided, and form the Newbury and Reading districts; and to subdivide the northern part from the Abingdon and Wantage districts, by drawing a line, commencing from the River Thames, on the west side of Buckland parish; and thence between Pusey and Hatford; between Charney and Stanford; between Lyford and Garford; Hanney and Drayton; Ardington and Steventon; East Hendred and Harwell; and the Isoleys and Chilton up to the proposed line, running from Streatley to Lambourne, and to subdivide the southern part for the Reading and Newbury districts by drawing a line, commencing at the River Thames, between Basildon and Pangbourne, thence south between Tidmarsh and Sulham, between Englefield and Theale, between Blenheim and Sulhampstead Banister, and between Ufton and Sulhampstead Abbots, and so on by the east side of Aldermaston parish to the boundary of the county of Southampton, the parishes in which several districts are thereunder more particularly described; and further, that Her Majesty would be most graciously pleased to direct that the Courts to be holden for the purpose of elections of Coroners of the said districts, when and as often as the same should become necessary, should be at Didcot for the Abingdon district, at Speenhamland for the Newbury district, at Maidenhead for the Reading district, and at Wantage for the Wantage district; and that the Abingdon district should comprise the following parishes and places, and the several hamlets or tythings within the same; that is to say:—

Abingdon without the	Hinksey, South
Borough	Hagbourne, East
Appleton and Eaton	Hagbourne, West
Appleford	Hinton
Aston Tiwold	Kingston Bagpuize
Aston Upthorpe	Longworth
Bagley Wood	Marcham
Besselsleigh	Milton
Buckland	Moulsoford
Brightwell	Moreton, North
Blewberry	Moreton, South
Chandlings	Pusey
Cumnor	Radley
Charney	Seacourt
Chilton	Steventon
Cholsey	Sutton Courtney
Clapcot	Sutton Wick
Drayton	Sunningwell
Didcot	Sotwell
Draycott Moor	Tubney
Frilford	Upton
Fyfield	Wootton
Garford	Wytham
Grandpont	Wittenham, Little
Harwell	Wittenham, Long
Hinksey, North	Wallingford

And that the Newbury District should comprise the following parishes and places, and the several