

Foreign Office, August 20, 1877.

THE Earl of Derby, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople the following telegram relative to merchant vessels passing through the Bosphorus to the Black Sea :—

“To ensure efficiency of its means for prevention of trade in contraband of war, the Porte has decided that merchant vessels, passing through the Bosphorus to the Black Sea, must hand to the Captain of the Port of Anatoli Kavak the Firman with which they must be provided for the passage of the straits. Every vessel infringing this order will be stopped by the forts.”

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 13th day of *August*, 1877.

PRESENT,

The **QUEEN'S** Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in a session of Parliament holden 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 (amongst other things) 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 alteration should be made of any division theretofore made under that Act it shall be lawful for the said Justices in Quarter Sessions assembled to resolve that a Petition shall be presented to Her Majesty praying that such division be made and thereupon to adjourn the further consideration of such Petition until notice thereof shall be given to the Coroner or Coroners of such county as therein-after provided and further that the Clerk of the Peace shall give notice of any such resolution to every Coroner for such county and of the time when the Petition shall be taken by the said Justices into consideration and the Justices shall confer with every such Coroner who shall 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 shall appear to the Justices fit to be considered in carrying into execution the provisions of the said Act. And that such Petition with a description of the several proposed Districts and of the boundaries thereof with the reasons upon which the Petition is founded shall be certified to Her Majesty under the hands and seals of two or more of the Justices present when such Petition shall have been agreed to and that the Clerk of the Peace for such county shall forthwith give or send a true copy of such Petition certified under his hand to every Coroner for each county. And further that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty if She shall think fit with the advice of Her Privy Council after taking into consideration any such Petition and also any Petition which may be presented to Her by any Coroner of the same county concerning any such proposed division or whenever it shall 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 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 Coroner for such district should be holden as therein-after provided and every such Order shall be published in the London Gazette. And whereas by a Petition of the Justices of the Peace for the county of Kent assembled at Maidstone in the said county on the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven it was represented to Her Majesty that there were and had been for many years five Coroners for the said county, that each of such Coroners had been in the habit of holding inquests within a certain district or part of the said county; that when an Election for Coroners took place great inconvenience and great and unnecessary expence resulted from having Freeholders to attend from all parts of the said county, that it would be desirable that the election of a Coroner acting in any particular district should be confined to the Freeholders of such district; that the same could not be done unless the said county were divided into districts for that purpose pursuant to the said Statute 7th and 8th Victoria cap. 92 that at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said county holden at Maidstone on the ninth day of January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven it seemed expedient to the Justices then assembled for the reasons above-mentioned that the said county should be divided into such districts for the purposes aforesaid; and it was resolved that a Petition should be presented to Her Majesty praying that the said county might be divided into five districts for the purposes of the said Act, that the further consideration of the said Resolution was then adjourned to the tenth day of April then next; that the Clerk of the Peace of the said county pursuant to the said Statute did give notice of the said Resolution to every Coroner of the county and of the time and place when and where the said Petition would be taken into consideration; and that at such time and place so appointed none of the Coroners of the said county attended to confer with the said Justices and the said Justices thereupon adjourned the consideration of the said matter to the then next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said county and in the meantime the said Justices conferred with the said Coroners as to the said Districts.

And whereas by the said Petition certified to Her Majesty by the hands and seals of two of the Justices present when the same was agreed to the said Justices humbly prayed that Her Majesty with the advice of Her Privy Council would be pleased to issue an Order directing that the said county should be divided into the five Districts therein-after described for the purpose of electing Coroners. And the said Petition did contain a description of the several proposed Districts and of the boundaries thereof.

And whereas no Petition has been presented to Her Majesty by any Coroner of the said county concerning the said proposed division.

Now therefore Her Majesty in Council having taken the said Petition into consideration is pleased by and with the advice of Her Privy Council to grant the prayer thereof and to declare order and determine.

That alteration shall be made of the division heretofore made of the said county of Kent under the Act passed in a Session of Parliament holden in the seventh and eighth years of Her Majesty's reign intituled “An Act to amend the law re-