

**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 22nd day of *May*, 1883.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in a session of Parliament holden in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of Her present Majesty intituled "An Act to amend the Law respecting the office of County Coroner" it was amongst other things enacted that when and as often as 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 Her 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 Coroner or Coroners of such county as thereafter provided.

And whereas it was by the same Act also 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 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 whereas it was by the same Act also 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 any such proposed division or alteration 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 a petition has been presented to Her Majesty by the Justices for the county of Essex, which petition sets forth:

"That at the Quarter Session held for the said county on the seventeenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two the Justices then assembled resolved that a petition be presented to Your Majesty praying that the said county may be divided into districts for the purposes of the Act 7 and 8 Victoria chapter 92 being 'An Act to amend the Law respecting the office of County Coroner' and thereupon the further consideration of such petition was adjourned until the then next Quarter Session to be held on

the second day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

"That notice of such resolution was given by the Clerk of the Peace to every Coroner for the said county and that the petition would be taken into consideration by the Justices at such last-mentioned Session, but no Coroner attended the said Session.

"That at such last-mentioned Quarter Session held on the said second day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three the Justices then assembled did direct that the said petition be presented to Your Majesty praying that the said county may be divided into districts as had been customary during the seven years before the passing of the said Act in manner hereinafter set forth.

"Your petitioners therefore pray Your Majesty to make an Order dividing the county under the said Act into two districts to be called the Eastern Division and the Western Division to be composed of the several parishes and places mentioned in the schedule hereunto annexed such proposed division of the county being in the opinion of the said Justices, the most suitable and convenient having due regard to the size and nature of each of the proposed districts, the number of the inhabitants the nature of their employments, and such other circumstances as have appeared to the said Justices fit to be considered in carrying into execution the provisions of the said Act and that the Court for the election of Coroner for the Eastern Division of the county may be held at Braintree and that for the Western Division at Chelmsford."

And whereas the said petition was certified to Her Majesty under the hands and seals of two of the Justices present at the Quarter Session of the Peace holden at Chelmsford in and for the said county of Essex on the second day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three when such petition was agreed to.

And whereas the hereinbefore recited provisions of the said Act have been strictly complied with in relation to the said petition.

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

And whereas Her Majesty has with the advice of Her Privy Council taken into consideration the hereinbefore recited petition.

Now therefore Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her Privy Council is pleased to order as it is hereby ordered that from and after the twenty-fourth day of June now next ensuing the said county of Essex shall be divided into two districts for the purposes of the hereinbefore in part recited Act and that such districts shall be respectively named the Eastern Division and the Western Division and such divisions shall respectively comprise the several parishes mentioned in conjunction with the names of the said divisions in the schedule hereto and named in the second column thereof.

And Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her said Council is further pleased to determine and order and it is hereby ordered that the Court for the election of Coroner for the said Eastern Division shall be holden at Braintree within such Division and that the Court for the election of Coroner for the Western Division shall be holden at Chelmsford within such division, and the several Courts for the election of Coroners for the said several divisions shall be respectively holden at the places aforesaid as by the hereinbefore in part recited Act and by law is provided.

*C. J. Peel.*