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AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,
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PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament, holden in the seventh and eighth 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 alterations 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 descriptions 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 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 in 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 that every such Order should be published in the London Gazette.

And whereas by the effect of two several Orders in Council duly made on the eleventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight and the twenty-eighth day of July one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six respectively under and in accordance with the said Act the county of Dorset has been divided for the purposes of the said Act into five districts respectively named the Shaftesbury District the Blandford and Wimborne Districts the Dorchester District the Portland District and the Bridport and Beaminster District and such districts respectively comprise the several parishes and places in the said Orders mentioned.

And whereas under and by virtue of the Local Government Act 1888 the business of the Justices of the said county in General or Quarter Sessions assembled in respect of the matters aforesaid has been transferred to the Council of the said county.

And whereas a petition was on the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three presented to Her Majesty by the County Council of Dorset praying that the county of Dorset might be divided into four County Coroners' Districts as shown and described in the second schedule to the said petition in substitution for and in lieu of the five County Coroners' Districts into which the said county has been divided under the said Orders in Council hereinbefore recited and as shown and described in the first schedule to the said petition which said petition with a description of the several proposed districts and of the boundaries thereof with the reasons upon which the said petition is founded was duly certified to Her Majesty.

And whereas all the provisions in that behalf of the Act first hereinbefore recited have been complied with in relation to the said petition.

And whereas none of the Coroners for the said county have presented any petition to Her Majesty.