

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 29th day of *June*, 1896.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the 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 any alteration should be made of any division theretofore made under that Act, it shall be lawful for the said Justices in General or Quarter Sessions assembled to resolve that a petition shall 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 shall be given to the Coroner or Coroners of such County as in that Act thereafter provided; and 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 will 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 inhabitants, the nature of their employment, and such other circumstances as shall appear to the Justices fit to be considered in carrying into execution the provisions of that 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 be agreed to; and the Clerk of the Peace for such county shall forthwith give or send a proper copy of such petition certified under his hand to every Coroner for such county; and 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 such proposed division or alteration, 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 that every such Order shall be published in the London Gazette.

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the twenty-sixth day of October one thousand eight hundred and sixty made under the provisions of the said recited Act the county of Wilts was divided for Coroners' purposes into three districts namely the first, or North Wilts District, the second or Middle Wilts District, and the third or South Wilts District.

And whereas, under and by virtue of the Local Government Act 1888, the powers and business of the said Justices in relation to the matters aforesaid have been transferred to the County Council for the county of Wilts;

And whereas by an Order in Council, dated the eighth day of February one thousand eight hun-

dred and ninety, made under the provisions of the said recited Act such part of the county of Wilts as comprised the area and district of the borough of Devizes was for Coroners' purposes constituted a separate district and named the "Devizes District."

And whereas by a Provisional Order, dated the fourth day of May one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five and made by the Local Government Board in pursuance of section fifty-four of "The Local Government Act 1888" for altering the boundaries between counties, part of the parish of Shalbourn which had theretofore formed part of the administrative county of Berks, and is referred to in the said Provisional Order as "the Shalbourn Area," was separated from the said county of Berks and became part of the administrative county of Wilts; and it was further provided that the said "Shalbourn Area" should be included in the Middle Coroner's District of that county subject to any alteration which might be made in that district;

And whereas the said Provisional Order was in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five duly confirmed by Act of Parliament;

And whereas a petition dated the eighteenth February one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six has been presented to Her Majesty by the Wilts County Council stating that inconvenience and expense is caused by the fact that the said Shalbourn area forms part of the Middle Coroner's District and praying that the Middle Coroner's District, and the Northern Coroner's District may be altered by the transfer to the Northern Coroner's District of so much of the parish of Shalbourn as forms part of the Middle Coroner's District, which petition with a description of the several proposed districts and of the boundaries thereof, with the reasons upon which the petition is founded was duly certified to Her Majesty:

And whereas all the provisions of the said recited Act have been duly complied with:

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

And whereas Her Majesty has, with the advice of Her Privy Council, taken into consideration the said petition and is minded to make such alteration as aforesaid, and to order that the said administrative county of Wilts shall be divided into such and so many districts for Coroners' purposes as are hereinafter set forth:

Now therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, direct, and declare, as it is hereby ordered, directed, and declared as follows, namely:—

(1.) From and after the date hereof so much of the parish of Shalbourn as was by the Provisional Order of the fourth May one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five included in the Middle Coroner's District of the county of Wilts shall cease to be included in the said district, and shall be included in and form part of the North Wilts Coroner's District.

(2.) The Devizes Coroner's District shall, as heretofore, comprise the several parishes and places and have the boundaries prescribed and ordered in that behalf by the Order in Council of the eighth February one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

(3.) The North Wilts Coroner's District shall, in addition to the aforesaid portion of the parish of Shalbourn, comprise as heretofore the several parishes and places and have the boundaries prescribed and ordered in that behalf in and by the Order in Council of the twenty-sixth October one thousand eight hundred and sixty.