

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 3rd day of *February*, 1898.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by sub-section (one) of section two hundred and thirty-eight of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," it is provided that, where it appears to Her Majesty that due facilities are or will be given by the Government of any foreign country for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant-ships in that country, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that that section shall apply in the case of such foreign country, subject to any limitations, conditions, and qualifications contained in the Order :

And whereas it appears to Her Majesty that due facilities are given by the Government of Japan for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant-ships in that country :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the hereinbefore recited sub-section (one) of section two hundred and thirty-eight of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that the said section two hundred and thirty-eight of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," shall apply in the case of Japan.

And whereas the immediate operation of this Order is urgent, this Order shall come into operation forthwith, and shall be a *Provisional Order* within the meaning of "The Rules Publication Act, 1893."

And the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the Secretary of State for India in Council, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C. L. Peel.

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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 alterations 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 into 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 purposes 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 the Local Government Act, 1888, the powers and business of the said Justices in respect of the matters aforesaid in each county have been transferred to the Council of such county.

And whereas by an Order in Council made the twenty-fifth August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, under the provisions of the hereinbefore first recited Act, the county of Hertford was divided into six districts for Coroners' purposes, and for the purposes of the said Act, which said districts were named respectively, the Bishop's Stortford Coroner's District, the Hemel Hempstead Coroner's District, the Hertford Coroner's District, the Hitchin Coroner's District, the Royston Coroner's District, and the St. Alban's Coroner's District, which said districts comprised the several parishes and places, and had the boundaries prescribed and mentioned in that behalf in the Schedule thereto.

And whereas by a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board made the eleventh June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and confirmed by the Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 17) Act, 1895, session 2, the boundary between the counties of Buckingham and Hertford was altered, and the parish of Nettleden, and certain parts of the parish of Ivinghoe, ceased to form part of the administrative county of Buckingham, and were transferred to and now form part of the administrative county of Hertford, and certain portions of the said parish of Ivinghoe, and of the said parish of Nettleden, were united and constituted a new parish called the parish of Nettleden, and certain other portions of the said parish of Ivinghoe, and of the said parish of Nettleden were united and amalgamated with the parish of Little Gaddesden, and all the said portions of the parishes of Ivinghoe and Nettleden were by the said Provisional Order included in the Hemel Hempstead Coroner's District of the county of Hertford, subject to any alteration which might be made in that district.

And whereas by a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board made the thirteenth June one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five