

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BOUNDARIES  
(IRELAND).

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COPY of INSTRUCTIONS given by His Excellency the LORD LIEUTENANT of  
*Ireland*, with reference to the BOUNDARIES and DIVISION into WARDS of the  
several CITIES, BOROUGHs and TOWNS CORPORATE in *Ireland*; likewise,  
COPY of any LETTER or REPORT received in answer to such INSTRUCTIONS.

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LETTER from *Thomas Drummond*, Esq., Under Secretary, to Captain *Jones*,  
of the Royal Engineers.

Sir,

Dublin Castle, 12th February 1836.

I AM commanded by the Lord Lieutenant to acquaint you, that his Excellency, having had under his consideration a Bill about to be introduced into Parliament, "to provide for the Regulation of Municipal, Corporate and Borough Towns in Ireland," deems it necessary that immediate steps should be taken to determine the Boundaries of the Towns named in the Schedules (A. B. and C.) of that Bill; and also to divide certain large Towns and Cities named in the said Bill into Wards.

I am to acquaint you that His Excellency has appointed you to superintend and direct this work. An application has been made to the Master General of the Ordnance for the Officers of Engineers named in the margin,\* and they will receive orders to put themselves under your command as soon as they arrive in Dublin. You are also authorized to employ any other persons whose services appear to you desirable.

General Instructions for the guidance of the Gentlemen employed on this work are enclosed; and I am to press upon your attention the necessity of adopting such measures as will secure the completion of the work in four weeks.

I have, &c.

(signed) *T. Drummond.*

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INSTRUCTIONS for the Gentlemen appointed to propose New Boundaries for the Towns named in the Schedules of a Bill now before Parliament, intituled, "An Act for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations and Borough Towns in Ireland," and to divide the Cities and large Towns named in said Bill into Wards.

1st. WHENEVER the Ancient Limits of any City or Town embrace all that may properly be considered as the Town, and a sufficient space beyond to allow of any probable increase of the Town, the Ancient Limits are to be retained.

2d. Where the Town extends beyond the Ancient Limits, a new Boundary is to be proposed.

3d. In case of a City or Borough having a Suburb near, but not contiguous to it, it will be necessary to consider whether such Suburb should be included within the Municipal Boundary, regard being had,—

To the nature of the Population of such Suburb, whether commercial, manufacturing or agricultural, and their connection with the Town:

To the extent and occupation of the ground separating such Suburb from the Town.

4th. You

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4th. You will adhere to the old Boundaries when practicable, but when they embrace an extensive Rural District, the latter must be cut off, and new Limits drawn, so as to confine within the proposed Boundary what may properly be called the Town, and no more, observing that the Inhabitants included within the Limits will be subject to the payment of the Town Rates for Police and other purposes.

5th. The number of Wards into which the Cities and Boroughs are to be divided, will be communicated to you. The Divisions are to be made, so that the Wards may be as nearly equal as may be practicable; Streets, Streams and local Boundaries being preferred as the Boundary Lines.

6th. Particular attention must be paid in the description of Boundaries and in the Lines of Divisions of Wards, so that the same may be traced on the ground without the aid of a Plan. For this purpose it is required that the description should commence at some well-defined point, and be carried regularly on by Roads, Streams, Streets and Local Boundaries, where such can be obtained. When straight Lines are proposed, they should be drawn from one well-defined Point to another, or in the direction of a well-defined object. Bearings by compass are not to be assumed as the sole mode of determining the direction of any portion of the Boundary, but merely as descriptive of the general direction which it is proposed to take.

7th. Whenever Ancient Limits are proposed to be retained, a complete description of such Limits is to be given, with reference to the Lines and objects on the ground, so that the same may be traced in future without the necessity of referring to any previous Charters or other documents for perambulation.

8th. On the outline Plans, which will be supplied by you, the ancient Limits must be inserted, as well as the new Line, which may be proposed as the future Boundary.

(signed) *T. Drummond.*

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LETTER from Captain *Jones* to *Thomas Drummond, Esq.*

Sir,

Castle, Dublin, 22d March 1836.

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith the Reports and Plans of the several Cities and Towns of Ireland for which new Municipal Boundaries and Divisions into Wards have been proposed, in compliance with the Instructions of the 12th February 1836, transmitted by order of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant. In so doing, I have to express my obligations to the Officers and other Gentlemen employed, for the zeal and ability they have displayed in the discharge of the duties required from them. That they were enabled to fix the Boundaries within the short period prescribed by your Instructions, is mainly to be attributed to the assistance afforded by Lieut.-Col. Colby, R. E., Director of the Ordnance Survey, who most readily, upon application made to him, furnished Tracings of the Cities and Towns. The drawing and engraving of the Plans was performed under the direction of Lieut. Larcom, R. E., to whose zeal and indefatigable exertions I feel particularly indebted for the manner in which they have been executed.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(signed) *Harry D. Jones.*

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LIST of OFFICERS of the Corps of ROYAL ENGINEERS and other GENTLEMEN employed in tracing the Boundaries and Divisions into Wards of the Irish Municipal Boroughs, as described in the following Reports.

Captain Harry D. Jones.	Lieutenant Henry Pooley.
„ William M. Gossett.	„ Thomas A. Larcom.
„ F. W. Whinyates.	„ Thomas R. Mould.
„ Alex. W. Robe.	„ James Lynn.
„ R. C. Alderson.	„ William Stace.
„ H. R. Brandreth.	James Vetch, Esq.
Lieutenant Henry P. Wulff.	John P. Kennedy, Esq.
„ John Hawkshaw.	James Butler Williams, Esq.
„ George Hotham.	

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LETTER addressed by Captain *Jones* to the several Gentlemen employed to propose new Boundaries and Divisions into Wards for the Municipal Towns of *Ireland*.

Sir,

Castle, Dublin, 13th February 1836.

IN compliance with Instructions from the Lord Lieutenant, you will be pleased to proceed without delay to District and visit the Towns of to recommend Boundaries for them, and Divisions into Wards of the large Towns and Cities, in reference to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations and Borough Towns in Ireland."

In the discharge of this duty you will be required to pay strict attention to the accompanying Copy of the Instructions which have been sent to me by the Under Secretary; and it is conceived that these Instructions will obviate any possible difficulty or doubt that might arise in defining the Limits of a Borough; but should you require information upon any point not embraced by the Instructions, you will, without loss of time, communicate the same to me. And as soon as you have determined upon the proposed Boundary or Wards for any Town, you will have the goodness to send the Plan, with the description of the Boundary, to me; it being of great importance that the engraving of the Plans should be commenced with as little delay as possible.

The Wards are to be distinguished by names having reference to their localities, or to the cardinal points.

It will be necessary for you to draw up a short Report upon the Towns you visit, comprised under the same heads as in the Report, which is herewith enclosed. I send you copies of the Reports upon the Towns mentioned in the margin, which will assist you in regard to the few statistical details required. It will however be necessary for you to ascertain the correctness of the details you may quote.

It will be requisite that you report to me your arrival in the first Town in which you intend to commence work. The order in which you propose to visit the other Boroughs, and your daily address, must also be communicated to me, that I may know where to direct to you.

You will be pleased to observe, and communicate to the persons employed under your orders, that no unnecessary expense is to be incurred, and an exact account of all Disbursements is to be kept, and, when practicable, Receipts must be obtained, as without them the Accounts will be liable to be disallowed.

The under-mentioned Colours are to be used on the Plan to distinguish the different Boundaries.

Parliamentary	- - - - -	Red.
Old Borough	- - - - -	Green.
New Borough	- - - - -	Purple.
Water	- - - - -	Blue.

You will receive further instructions as to the colour which may be used for the Boundaries of the Wards. All your Communications are to be marked on the left-hand upper corner with the distinguishing letter of your district.

The receipt of all official Letters and Communications is to be acknowledged by return of post.

I am, &c.  
(signed) *H. D. Jones.*



LETTER from *Thomas Drummond*, Esq., to Captain *Jones*, of the Royal Engineers.

Sir,

Castle, 11th April 1836.

By desire of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, I have to request you will take measures for dividing into Wards the Counties of Cities and Towns as named in the Schedules (A.) and (B.) of the Bill now before Parliament for the better regulating the Borough Towns in Ireland, as it appears that the Parliamentary Boundary is to be adopted for Municipal purposes.

I am, &c.

(signed) *T. Drummond.*

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LETTER addressed by Captain *Jones* to the several Gentlemen, &c.

Sir,

Castle, Dublin, 12th April 1836.

1. As it has been decided that the Limits of the Boroughs named in the margin shall be co-extensive with the Parliamentary Boundary, you will recommend a division into Wards of the whole District contained within that Boundary.

2. The proposed Boundary and Division into Wards, which you have drawn according to the former Instructions, will be added to your Report, as they may be useful in the event of a more restricted Boundary being contemplated at any future time.

3. I have to request you will proceed to the Towns mentioned in the margin, and, acting on the above Instructions, commence making the division into Wards with as little delay as possible.

I am, &c.

(signed) *Harry D. Jones.*

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