

## ATHLONE.

### REPORT upon the PROPOSED MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY of the BOROUGH of ATHLONE.

THE Limits of the Borough of Athlone, as prescribed by the governing Charter, extend to "all that whole circuit and extent of land and water, lying within the compass of one mile and a half from the middle of the Bridge over the Shannon, commonly called 'The Bridge of Athlone,' directly forth in a right Line every way round, except the Castle of Athlone and the precinct thereof;" and such have been the Limits acted on by the Corporation, although no defined Boundaries exist.

ANCIENT LIMITS.

The River Shannon, which runs through, and divides, the Town of Athlone into two nearly equal parts, also separates here the Provinces of Leinster and Connaught; one portion of the Town is in the County of Westmeath and Province of Leinster, the other in the County of Roscommon and Province of Connaught. The Town extends into the Parishes of St. Mary, Barony of Brawney, in the County of Westmeath, on the Leinster side; and into the Parishes of Kiltoom and St. Peter, in the Barony of Athlone and County of Roscommon, on the Connaught side. The Eastern and Western portions of the Town are connected by a stone Bridge of nine arches. The Town of Athlone is situate very nearly in the centre of Ireland, and possesses great advantages of water communication for an inland town. Its trade, however, is by no means considerable, and it is without any extensive manufactories. The Shannon is navigable both above and below the Town; the communication between these navigable parts is by means of a Canal rather more than a mile long. A communication by steam-boat between Athlone and Limerick has been recently established.

DESCRIPTION OF  
THE TOWN.

In the Population Return of 1831 the Borough is stated to contain 11,406, of whom 5,699 were resident on the Leinster side, and 5,707 on the Connaught side.

Population.

There are no Local Rates whatever in this Town.

Local Rates.

The County Cess is variable, and is assessed by the Grand Jury at the Spring and Summer Assizes, and fixed by the Judge. It is levied for the purpose of keeping the Roads in repair, paying the Constabulary, and other public establishments. The amount for the last year could not be ascertained.

County Rates.

The following is a description of the proposed Boundary, being the same as that of the Parliamentary Borough:—

From the Point (1) at which the Southern End of the Canal joins the River Shannon, along the Canal to the Point at which the Northern End thereof joins the River Shannon (2); thence along the River Shannon to the Point (3) at which the same is met by the prolongation of the North-western Inclosure Wall of the Barracks; thence in a straight Line to the Angle (4) in the Hare Island Road, at which the same turns Northward, and at which there are two Gateways, with Pillars opposite each other; thence in a straight Line to a Gateway with Pillars on the Ballymahon Road (5), about Twenty Yards to the East of the Glebe Wall; thence in a straight Line to the North-eastern Corner of the Wall which is the Boundary of the Townland called Anchor's Bower (6); thence, Southward, along the Wall of Anchor's Bower, to the Point (7) at which the same meets the Old Dublin Road;

PROPOSED  
BOUNDARY.

Road; thence in a straight Line in the direction of Mr. Dawson's House in Bunavally, to the Point (8) at which such straight Line cuts a small Bye-road which runs into the Dublin Road; thence along the said small Bye-road to the Point at which the same joins the Dublin Road (9); thence in a straight Line to the Point (10) at which the Brideswell Bog Road is joined by a Bye-road leading thereto from the East, about Three Hundred Yards from the Point at which the Brideswell Bog Road leaves the Dublin Road; thence in a straight Line in the direction of the Chimney of Mr. Robinson's Distillery, to the Point at which such straight Line cuts the River Shannon (11); thence along the River Shannon to the Point first described.

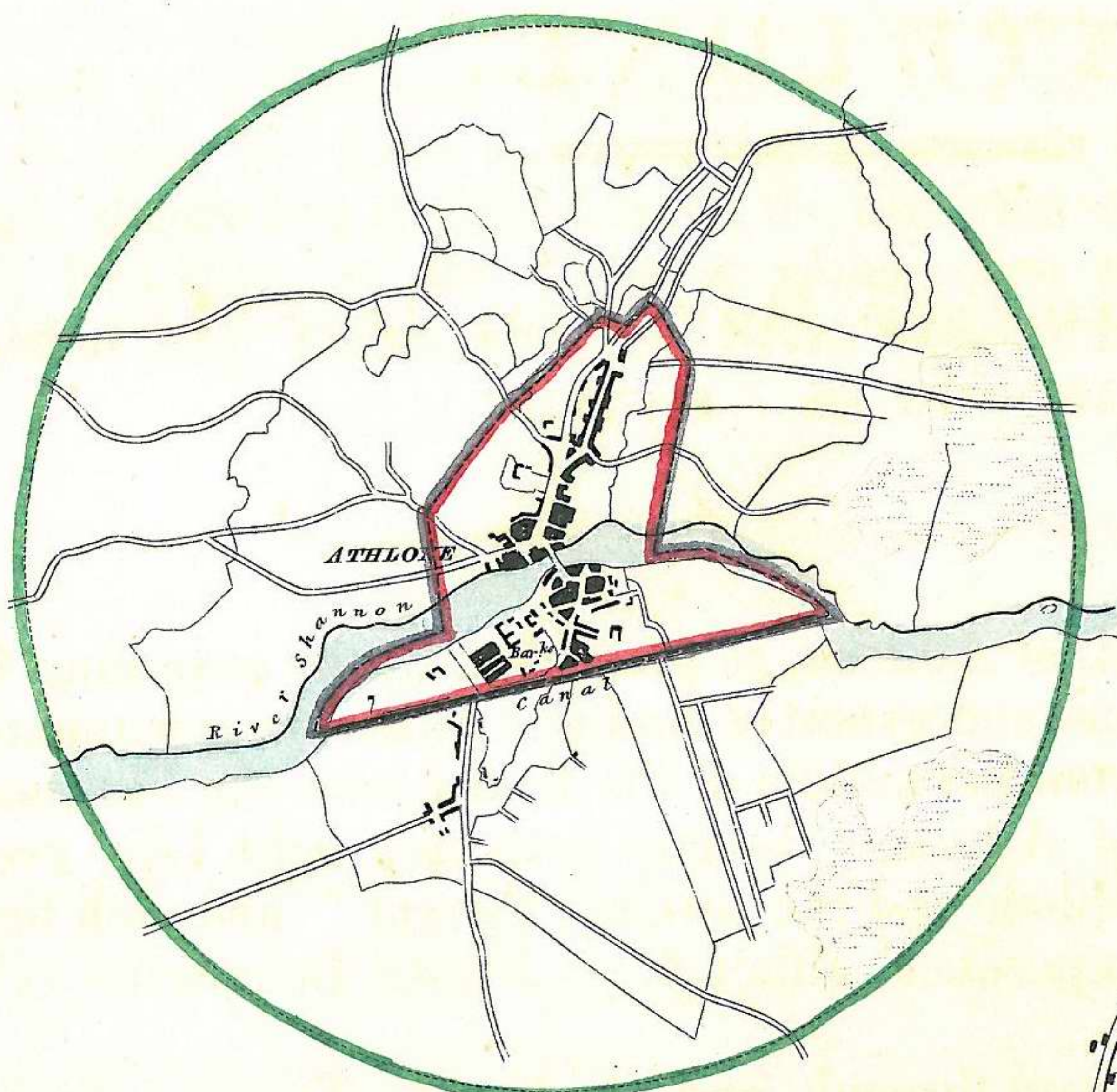
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From Local Survey

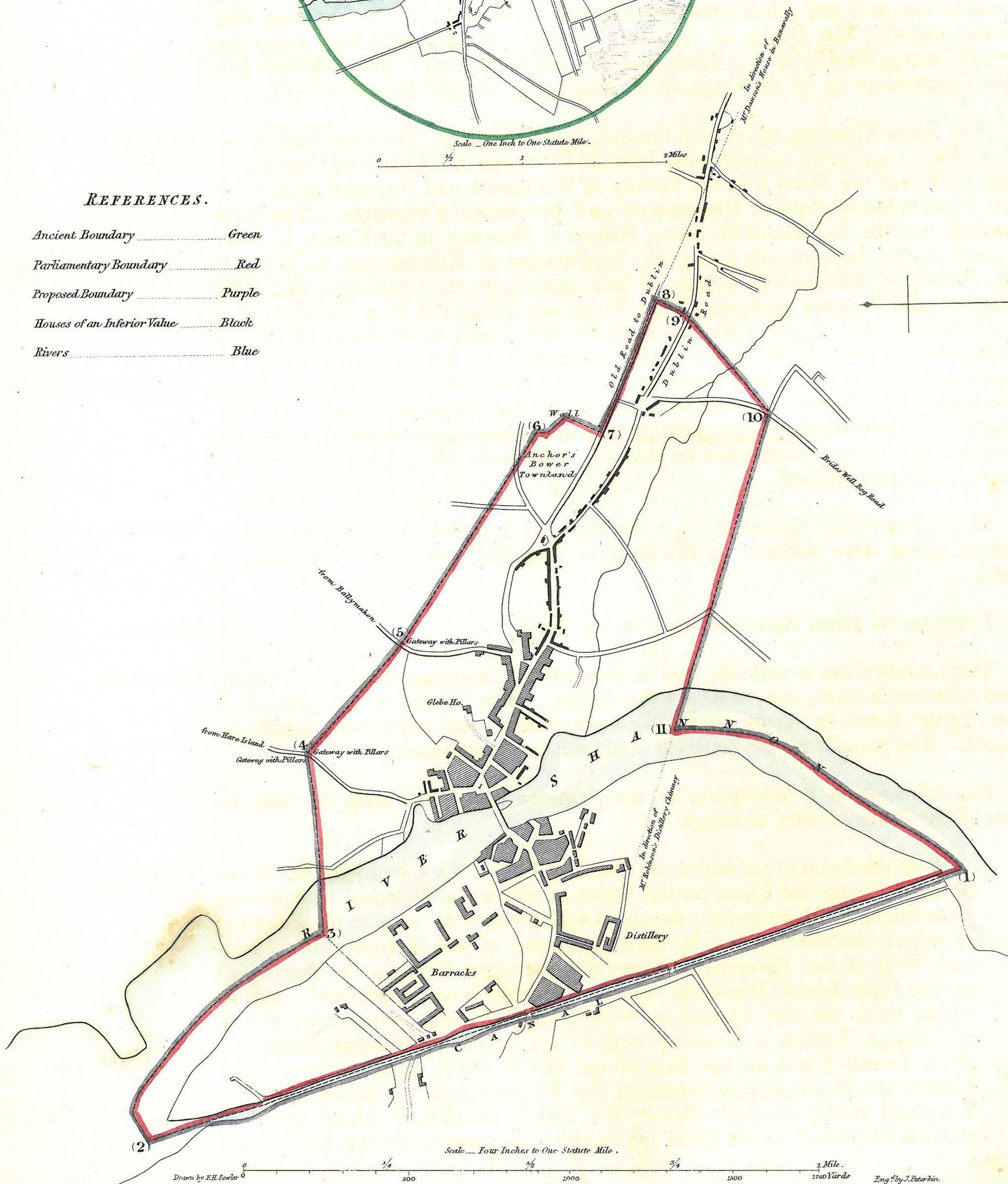
The Ancient Boundary from the Report of the Municipal Commissioners and Local Enquiry



Scale — One Inch to One Statute Mile.

## REFERENCES.

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| Ancient Boundary            | Green  |
| Parliamentary Boundary      | Red    |
| Proposed Boundary           | Purple |
| Houses of an Inferior Value | Black  |
| Rivers                      | Blue   |



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