

## A T H Y.

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

THE Boundary of the ancient Borough comprises parts of the Parishes of Church Town, St. John and St. Michael, extending by Charter "half a mile in a direct Line on every side, from a Castle in the Town called *The White Castle*." The extent of these Limits is determined on the various Roads diverging from the Town, and in the spaces between the Roads the Boundary follows a direction nearly circular.

The Town of Athy is situated on the Banks of the River Barrow, at its junction with a Branch of the Grand Canal. It is rising in importance as a commercial town, and its streets and houses are keeping pace in improvement. The trade consists almost solely in the exportation of corn, a considerable weekly market furnishing large supplies of that commodity. It brings a better price here than in the neighbouring towns, owing to the advantage of ready shipment by the Canal and the River. There are no tolls or customs whatever levied on market days; at the fairs moderate tolls, regulated by a Committee of the Corporation, are imposed.

In consequence of the improvement in the trade of the place, and the judicious encouragement of the Duke of Leinster and the Corporation, a decided improvement has taken place within the last few years in the appearance of the Town. Houses have been built, several raised, and many rebuilt on the site of others very inferior; and a narrow and bad street has been widened and much improved. The streets are well paved, and kept in good order; and during the dark nights of winter have been for four years lighted by subscription. The Town has not much increased in extent.

The Population amounted in 1831 to 4,494 Inhabitants. In 1832-33 deaths to the amount of about 150 took place by the Cholera, but since that period the Town has been peculiarly free from epidemic or disease. An increase of about 250 has taken place since 1831.

A "Presenting Court," consisting of a Jury of 23, chosen among the most respectable of the inhabitants, levy an annual tax for the repairs of the bye-ways, sewers, and public pumps, which varies in amount according to the demand. This tax amounted in 1831 to 28 *l.*; its average for the last 20 years has been from 20 *l.* to 25 *l.*

The County Cess for 1835 was 1 *s.* 9 *d.* per acre; this sum is about the average amount raised yearly. It is exclusively an acreable tax in Athy.

In place of the Church Cess a sum is now raised for the support of foundlings, and to provide parish coffins. The last assessment for 1835 was 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  *d.* per acre.

From the Point (1) at which Woodstock Lane meets the Northern Angle of Woodstock Castle, Southward, along Woodstock Lane, to the Point (2) at which the same meets Barrack Street; thence in a straight Line to the Point

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Point (3) at which the Kilkenny Road leaves the Queen's County Carlow Road; thence in a straight Line to the South-western Angle (4) of the Enclosure Wall of the new Gaol; thence, Eastward, along the said Enclosure Wall, to the South-eastern Angle thereof (5); thence in a straight Line to the South-eastern Angle (6) of James Kilbride's House, on the Dublin Road, near the Point at which the said Road leaves the Kildare Road; thence in a straight Line to William Lawler's House (7) on the Kildare Road; thence in a straight Line to the Northern Angle (8) of the Girls' School-house, situated near the Roman Catholic Chapel; thence in a straight Line to the Northernmost Angle (9) of the Premises of the Malt-house on the Monasterevan Road; thence in a straight Line to the Point first described.

The Population within the proposed Limits will amount to about 4,750.

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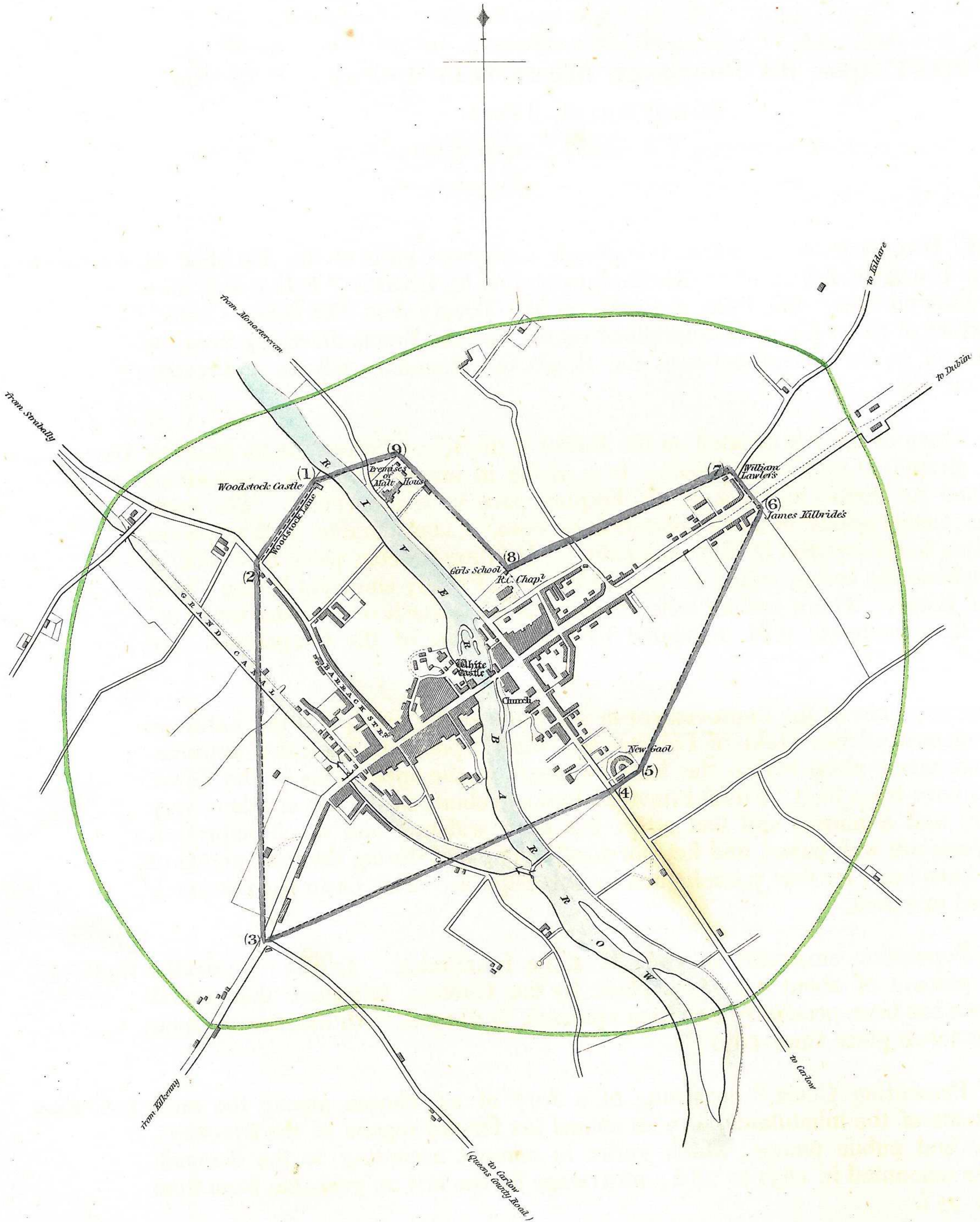
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From Local Survey

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



## REFERENCES

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Scale Four Inches to One Statute Mile

