REPORT upon the Proposed Municipal Boundary and Division into Wards of the CITY of CORK.

THE County of the City of Cork consists of the City and Liberties.

ANCIENT LIMITS.

The City anciently occupied a portion of an Island formed by two branches of City. the River Lee, which separate at the Western and re-unite at the Eastern Extremity of the Island.

The Suburbs having extended much beyond the City, with which they are Suburbs. connected by several Bridges, their Limits, for the purposes of local taxation, were defined by the Act 53 Geo. III. c. 3. Since then, however, they have spread out beyond these limits in every direction, but more particularly towards the East.

The Boundary of the entire County of the City of Cork extends in its greatest Liberties. length 12 miles from North to South, and nearly nine miles from East to West, embracing an area of about 70 square miles, or about 45,000 statute acres, of which barely four square miles are occupied by the City and Suburbs, while the remainder of the space belongs essentially to a rural district.

It is difficult to particularize any one quarter of the City, as the extremes of Description or the several conditions of the Inhabitants are (with few exceptions) in the immediate neighbourhood of, and occasionally interwoven with, each other. St. Patrick Street, the Grand Parade, the South Mall, Great George Street, St. Patrick's Hill, and perhaps one or two other Streets, the Quays, the Glanmire Road, South Terrace, Warren Place, and Lapp's Island, are inhabited by persons of wealth and respectability, or occupied with Warehouses; but many of the Streets, and nearly all the Lanes branching off from these main Streets and places, are occupied by numerous families of the lower classes, and many apparently in the lowest state of destitution. The Suburbs towards the South, and parts of those towards the North and North-west, are occupied by persons in a condition bordering on pauperism. The principal Streets and quarters of the City and Suburbs are well paved and lighted, but the Lanes and narrow back Streets are generally neglected. The Trade and Commerce of Cork, as the second City in Ireland, are too well known to require to be detailed in this Report. The numerous Buildings and improvements now in progress are evidences of the place continuing to flourish.

The Population of the City and Suburbs in 1831 is stated to have been Population. 84,000, and of the Liberties 22,000, making a total within the County of the City of Cork of 106,000. It would appear that the population has considerably increased since the above period.

The Local Rate, by which is meant a sum raised in the City and Suburbs alone Local Rate. for lighting, pitching, paving and cleansing, amounts to about 3,200 l.

The County Rate, which is collected from the whole Borough, amounts to County Rate. between 24,000 l. and 25,000 l.; of this sum, one-third is contributed by its Liberties. By the 53 Geo. III. c. 111, two-thirds of the whole County Rates are applotted on the City and Suburbs. All Houses of less annual value than 51., and Houses let out in rooms, are exempt.

The Division of the County of the City of Cork into Eight Wards, will be as DIVISION INTO WARDS. follows:--

LEE WARD.

From a Point in the North Channel opposite Widderly Lane, in a straight Description of the Line to Widderly Lane; along Widderly Lane to Dominick Street; West, the Wards.

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along Dominick Street to Mannicks Street; along Mannicks Street, Bishop's Lane, West, along Rogerson's Lane, Baily's Lane, to Fair Lane; North, along Fair Lane and the Blarney Road to the Boundary of the County of the City; West, along the said Boundary to the River Lee; East, along the River Lee and North Channel to the first-named Point.

ST. PATRICK'S WARD.

From a Point in the North Channel opposite Widderly Lane, along the East Boundary of the Lee Ward to the Boundary of the County of the City; thence, Northward, along the said Boundary to the Upper Glanmire Road; Westward, along the Upper Glanmire Road to York Street; along York Street and the Watercourse to the Old Road to Youghal; East, along the said Road to Audley Place; South, along Audley Place, St. Patrick's Hill, Bridge Street, to the Centre of the North Channel; West, along the North Channel to the first-named Point.

GLANMIRE WARD.

From the Centre of St. Patrick's Bridge, along the East Boundary of St. Patrick's Ward to the Boundary of the County of the City; thence, South, along the Boundary of the County of the City to the River Lee; West, along the River Lee and North Channel to the Point first named.

BLACK ROCK WARD.

From a Point in the South Channel opposite White Street across to White Street; along White Street to Douglas Street; South, along Douglas Street, High Street, the Passage Road and Carrigoline Road to the Boundary of the County of the City; East, along the said Boundary to the River Lee; West, along the River Lee and South Channel to the first-named Point.

ST. FIN BARR'S WARD.

From the Junction of Nicolas Street with Evergreen Street; along Nicolas Street to Douglas Street; South, along Douglas Street, High Street, the Passage Road and Carrigoline Road, to the Boundary of the County of the City; West, along the said Boundary to the Bandon Road; North, along the Bandon Road to the Macroom Road; thence in a straight Line to the Southeast Corner of the surrounding Wall of the County Gaol; thence, North, along the said Wall to the South Channel of the River Lee; East, along the South Channel of the River Lee to Clarke's Bridge; North, along Wandesford Street to Great George Street; East, along Great George Street to South Main Street; South, along South Main Street, across South Bridge, along Barrack Hill to Evergreen Street; South, along Evergreen Street to the Point first named.

MANSION HOUSE WARD.

From the Centre of North Bridge, South, along North Main Street to Great George Street; West, along Great George Street and the Boundary of St. Finn Barr's Ward to the Boundary of the County of the City; West, along the said Boundary of the County of the City to the River Lee; East, along the River Lee and North Channel to the Point first named.

EXCHANGE WARD.

From the Centre of North Bridge, South, along North Main Street, South Main Street, across South Bridge, along Barrack Hill to Evergreen Street; along Evergreen Street to Nicolas Street; along Nicolas Street, North; along Abbey Street to Mary Street; along Mary Street across Parliament Bridge to South Wall; along South Wall to Marlborough Street; along Marlborough Street across St. Patrick's Street; along Academy Street, Half-moon Street, to the North Channel; West, along the North Channel to the first-named Point.

CUSTOM HOUSE WARD.

From a Point in the North Channel opposite Half-moon Street, South, along the Boundary of Exchange Ward to Douglas Street; along Douglas Street

Street to White Street; East, along White Street and the Boundary of Black Rock Ward to the Point in the River Lee opposite the Custom House, at the Junction of the two Channels: thence, West, along the North Channel of the River Lee to the first-named Point.

With reference to the second paragraph of the Instructions, dated 12 April last, Considerations for in case a more restricted Boundary should at any time be contemplated, I recom- the proposed new mend the following; and in proposing a new Boundary for this place, I examined Boundary. the Suburbs, the limits of which were fixed by Act of Parliament for purposes analogous to those contemplated by the proposed Bill. In some places the Suburbs included all that might be considered as belonging to the Town. In others the Town has stretched beyond them. I have therefore adopted the Suburb Limits wherever I found them applicable, and only rejected them where I found an actual, or where there appeared every probability of an increase of Buildings beyond them. In the Glanmire district, building speculations are carrying on to a great extent; and as the principal entrance into Cork from Dublin and elsewhere, and from the very favourable site for good Houses and Streets, it is expected that it will at no distant period become a populous Suburb. Black Rock Road, on the opposite shore, is, on the contrary, unlikely to be joined to the City as a Suburb. It is occupied by country Villas, and one or two rural Hamlets, and is not the ordinary approach to Cork from any part of the country.

The Boundary I propose will be as follows:-

From the Point (1) where Silver Stream Lane meets the Dublin Road, Description of Northward, along the said Lane to the Upper Glanmire Road (2); thence THE PROPOSED in a straight Line and North direction to the Spring (3) and Stream that (See Plan, No. 3) flows into the Glen River; thence follow the Stream to the River (4); thence, West, along the River Glen to the Eastern Wall of Callaghan's Distillery; thence, Northward, along the said Wall to Spring Lane (5); thence, East, along Spring Lane to Ballyvo Road (6); thence in a straight Line and Westerly direction to the Junction of the Mallow and old Dublin Roads (7); thence in a straight Line and Westerly direction to the Junction of Fairfield Lane and Brocklesbury Street (8); thence in a straight Line and Southerly direction to the West End of Water Lane (9); thence to a Point (10) in Fair Lane, Five hundred Yards to the North of the Junction of the said Lane with Corbett's Lane; thence to a Point (11) on the Granagher Road, Four hundred Yards from its Junction with Blarney Road; thence in a straight Line to the Junction of the Lane (near Skilla Lane) leading to the City Gaol with the Blarney Road (12); thence along the Lane leading to the City Gaol to the South-west Corner of the surrounding Wall of the said Gaol (13); thence in a straight Line to a Point (14) on the Sunday Well Road, Three hundred Yards to the East of Wellington Bridge; thence in a straight Line to a Point (15) on the Mardyke Walk, Seven hundred Yards to the East of the Lane leading from Wellington Bridge to the said Mardyke Walk; thence in a straight Line to the Road (16) leading to the County Gaol; thence along the said Road to the North-east Corner (17) of the surrounding Wall of the said County Gaol; thence along the said North-east Wall to the Northern Macroom and Bandon Road (18); thence in a straight Line to a Point (19) on the Bandon Road, One hundred and twenty Yards West of the Junction of the said Road with the Southern Macroom and Bandon Road; thence in a straight Line to a Point (20) on the Kinsale Road, Three hundred and seventy Yards from the Junction of Lough Lane with the Bandon Road, and measured along the Middle of Lough Lane and the Kinsale Road; thence in a straight Line to the Junction of Poula Duff Road with Gallows Green (21); thence in a straight Line and South-east direction to the Point (22) where the New Burying Ground Lane meets Friars Walk; thence along the New Burying Ground Lane to the Curragh Road (23); thence in a North-east direction along the Curragh Road to Evergreen Road (24); thence in a straight Line and North-east direction to a Point on the Passage Road (25) where a Lane leads from the said Road to the Junction of the Black Rock Road with Boreen Managh Lane; thence along the said Lane to the Point of Junction (26) of the said Black Rock Road and Boreen Managh Lane; thence, East, along the said Black 301.

Rock Road to Lucy Ville Lane (27); thence in a straight Line to the nearest Point of the surrounding Wall of the City Gas Works (28); thence along the Eastern Wall of the said Gas Works to the nearest Point (29) of the River; thence, Eastward, along the High Water Mark to the Point (30) nearest the Old Castle; thence across the River to the first-named Point.

Considerations on the Division into Wards within the proposed new Boundary. The Wards into which this restricted district may be best divided are, in my opinion, according to the following proposition. There will appear to be a great inequality between the number of Houses and the area of some of the Wards and others. This is occasioned by dense masses of Houses being occupied by the lower classes, and the consequent necessity of extending the lines of divisions so as to include some respectable Streets and Houses. Glanmire Ward appears to present comparatively few Houses, but the numbers are rapidly increasing, and it is confidently asserted that it will soon become a populous suburb.

No. 1.—LEE WARD.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WARDS within the proposed new Boundary. (See Plan, No. 3.) From the Point where Fair Lane meets the Borough Boundary, proceed South along Fair Lane, Bailv's Lane, Rogerson Lane, Bishop's Lane, Manning's Lane, to Dominick Street; East, along Dominick Street to Widderly Lane; along Widderly Lane to the River Lee; West, along the River Lee to the Borough Boundary; North, along the Borough Boundary to the Point first described.

No. 2.—St. Patrick's Ward.

From the Point where Fair Lane meets the Borough Boundary proceed South along Fair Lane, Bailey's Lane, Rogerson's Lane, Bishop's Lane, Manning's Lane, to Dominick Street; East, along Dominick Street to Widderly Lane; along Widderly Lane to the River Lee; thence along the River Lee to St. Patrick's Bridge; North, up Bridge Street, St. Patrick's Hill, Audley Place; East, along the Old Road to Youghal, to the Point at which it is intersected by the New Road to Ballyhooly; thence along the New Road to Ballyhooly to the Boundary of the Borough; West, along the Boundary of the Borough to the first-named Point.

No. 3.—GLANMIRE WARD.

From St. Patrick's Bridge, North, up Bridge Street, St. Patrick's Hill, Audley Place; East, along the Old Road to Youghal to the Point at which it is intersected by the New Road to Ballyhooly; thence along the New Road to Ballyhooly to the Borough Boundary; East, along the Borough Boundary to the River Lee; thence, West, along the River Lee to the Point first described.

No. 4.—CORN MARKET WARD.

From Parliament Bridge, East, along the South Channel of the River Lee to the Borough Boundary; thence, South, along the Borough Boundary to Friar's Walk; North, along Friar's Walk to Cat Lane; West, along Cat Lane, Blue Coat Street, Abbey Street, Travers Street, Dinnam Street; East, along Sullivan's Quay to the Point first described.

No. 5.—St. Fin Barr's Ward.

From the Point where Friar's Walk meets the Borough Boundary, North, along Friar's Walk to Cat Lane; West, along Cat Lane to Blue Coat Street; along Blue Coat Street, across Abbey Street; along Travers Street, Dinnam Street, Sullivan's Quay, to Parliament Bridge; West, along the Southern Branch of the River Lee to South Bridge; Northward, up South Main Street to Great George Street; East, along Great George Street to Wandesford Street; along Wandesford Street to Clarke's Bridge; West, along the South Branch of the River Lee to the Borough Boundary; South, along the Borough Boundary to the Point first described.

No. 6.—MANSION HOUSE WARD.

From North Bridge proceed South along North Main Street to Great George Street, to Wandesford Street; along Wandesford Street to Clarke's Bridge;



