

DOWNPATRICK.REPORT upon the PROPOSED MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY of the
BOROUGH of DOWNPATRICK.

THE ancient Limits are co-extensive with the "Demesne of Down," and contain about 1,486 acres. The extent from the cross roads at Vianstown Cottage, on the Dublin Road, to the Quoile Bridge, is about two miles and a half, and the average breadth about a mile and a quarter. ANCIENT LIMITS.

Downpatrick is the Assizes Town of the County Down, and a Borough sending a Member to Parliament. It is situated on the South Side of, and about a mile from the Quoile River, and about seven miles from Strangford. There are some good streets in it, but there is neither any staple Manufacture or Trade (beyond that of retail dealers, some of whom have realized considerable properties); nor does it appear likely that the Town will increase in either, on account of its vicinity to Belfast and Newry, and the distance (one mile) to the Quoile Quay, to which only vessels drawing from seven to nine feet water can approach; the situation of the Town, also, is against its extending very much, owing to the marshy nature of the ground round a great part of the Town, and the steepness of the hills in others. DESCRIPTION OF
THE TOWN.

In 1831 the Population was 4,784. It is not supposed to have increased much since. Population.

Houses valued at twenty pounds and upwards pay 6*d.* in the pound; ten pounds, 3*s.* 9*d.* per annum; five pounds, 1*s.* 3*d.* per annum, for lighting and watching. Houses under 5*l.* do not pay any tax. Local Rates.

The County Cess is levied at each Assize; it varies from 1*d.* to 2*d.* in the County Rate, pound, according to the County and Barony assessment.

The following Boundary is proposed as embracing a sufficient area for any probable increase of the Town:—viz.

From the Tower of the Cathedral (1) in a straight Line to the highest Point of the Ancient Fort (2); thence in a straight Line to the House on the Quoile Bridge Road (3), situated at the Junction of that Road and a Farm Road, which leaves it in a Westerly direction, and near a remarkable Stone Gate Pillar, on the Western side of said Quoile Bridge Road; thence in a straight Line to the Parsonage House (4); thence in a straight Line to the South-east Corner of the Wall of the Infirmary (5); thence in a straight Line, South-westerly, to a House (6) on the North Side of the Dublin Road, about Three hundred and fifty Yards from the Point at which the Killough Road branches off; thence in a straight Line to the Point first described. PROPOSED
BOUNDARY.

John Hawkshaw.

DOWNPATRICK

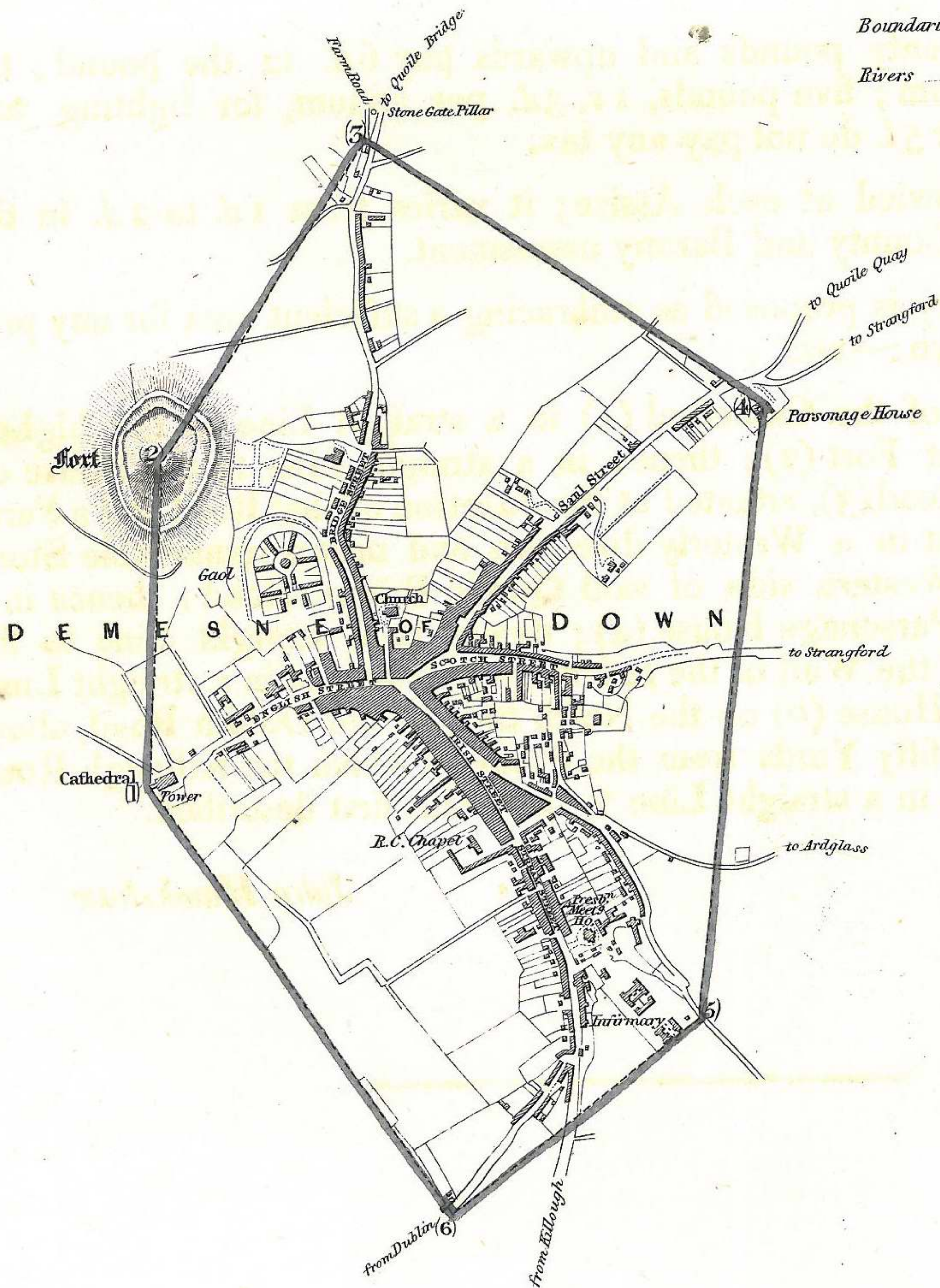
From the Ordnance Survey

The Ancient Boundary from the Report of the Municipal Commissioners



REFERENCES.

Ancient Boundary	Green
Parliamentary Boundary	Red
Proposed Boundary	Purple
Boundaries of Parishes & Townlands	Brown
Rivers	Blue



Scale Four Inches to One Statute Mile

0 500 1000 1500 1700 Yards

1 Mile

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