

DROGHEDA.

REPORT upon the PROPOSED MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY and DIVISION into WARDS of the BOROUGH of DROGHEDA.

THERE do not appear to be any Boundaries of the Borough, other than those of the Town and County of the Town (constituting the Parliamentary Boundary), which embrace an extensive rural district. ANCIENT LIMITS.

The Town and County of the Town of Drogheda is situated on the River Boyne, about four miles from the sea. DESCRIPTION OF
THE TOWN.

The River is navigable up to the Bridge, which unites the Parishes of St. Peter's and St. Mary's.

Vessels of 400 tons, by discharging part of their cargo below, can come up to the Bridge; the Port is, however, more adapted to vessels of about 200 tons, drawing from 10 to 12 feet water.

Above the Bridge small craft go by means of Canal to Navan.

By far the greater part of the Town lies on the Northern or left Bank of the River.

The Trade of the Town appears to consist,—

1st. In the exportation of live stock, principally Pigs, many hundreds of which are embarked in steamers every week for Liverpool.

Steam-boats of upwards of 200 horse power sail three times a week for Liverpool, and perform the voyage in 12 hours.

These vessels are on the increase, two additional ones being nearly ready.

2d. In the exportation of Flour, there being large Mills within the Town, as well as large quantities of Flour brought by canal from Navan.

3d. In the manufacture of Linen Yarn from Tow and Flax, one large manufactory for which employs upwards of 200 men, women and children; and another is about to be erected; also, large quantities of coarse and fine linen are made in private houses, and exposed for sale in the Linen Hall.

There is also an Iron Foundry on a large scale, and several Tanneries.

The Trade of the Town appears on the increase, as well as the buildings on the banks of the River below Bridge.

The Town and Suburbs contain about 17,000 Inhabitants, according to the Census of 1831; and the number of Houses, according to the same report, is 3,142, of which 1,300 were of the annual rental of 10 *l.* and upwards. I should therefore imagine that there were about 2,000 of the annual rental of 5 *l.* and upwards. Population.
Houses.

The Local Cesses are—

Local Rates.

1st. The Lighting Cess, collected on a half-yearly applotment of the houses; last half-year it was 4 *d.* in St. Peter's, and 4½ *d.* in St. Mary's Parish, in the pound, to the extent that light was afforded.

2d. The Watching Cess, a fixed rate of 4 *d.* in the pound on a similar applotment.

3d. Ministers' Money, 1 *s.* in the pound, on applotment at various periods from 1757 to the present time; this is a most unequal tax, and falls frequently most heavily on the smallest houses.

The County Cess is determined at the Assizes, every half-year, and varies; it was 3 *s.* 8 *d.* last half-year, and 3 *s.* 11 *d.* the previous, per acre; but this is larger than usual, owing to a debt incurred during the Cholera. County Rates.

The County Hospital Cess is 6½ *d.* per acre for St. Mary's Parish, and 1 *d.* for Ballymakenny Parish.

For St. Peter's it is 2¼ *d.* per pound, on the Minister's applotment, for the same period.

The Corporation repair the streets and causeways within the Town.

DIVISION INTO
WARDS.
(See Plan No. 1.)

Adopting the Boundary of the County of the Town or Parliamentary Boundary of Drogheda as the Municipal Boundary, I propose to divide it into Three Wards, as follows:—

WEST WARD.

West Ward.
Six Councillors.

Commencing on the Centre of the Bridge over the River Boyne (which Bridge connects Bull Ring with Shop Street); thence, up the Centre of the River Boyne, to its Intersection with the Boundary of the County of the Town; thence, Northerly and Easterly, along said Boundary of the County of the Town, to its Intersection with the Road from Drogheda to Dundalk, by Rokeby Hall, at a Point about Twenty Yards North of the Junction of Three Townlands, viz. Bailey's Park, Listoke and Ballymakenny; thence, Southerly, along said Road, through the Townland of Yellow Butter, to Harman's Gardens; thence, Southerly, down Harman's Gardens, to Sunday Gate; thence, Westerly and Southerly, down the Centre of Magdaline-street and Peter-street, to its Intersection with West Street and St. Lawrence Street; thence, Southerly, down the Centre of Shop Street, to the Centre of the Bridge over the River Boyne, the Point first described. The whole of the Area within this Line to form *West Ward*.

EAST WARD.

East Ward.
Six Councillors.

Commencing on the Centre of the Bridge over the River Boyne (which Bridge connects Bull Ring with Shop Street); thence, Easterly, down the Centre of the River Boyne, to its Intersection with the Boundary of the County of the Town; thence, Northerly, Westerly and Southerly, along the Boundary of the County of the Town to its Intersection with the Road from Drogheda to Dundalk, by Rokeby Hall; thence, Southerly, along the Centre of the said Road, keeping the Boundary of the County of the Town, to the Junction of West Ward at its North-east Boundary; thence, Southerly, continuing the Centre of the said Road, along the Eastern Boundary of West Ward, through the Townland of Yellow Butter, to Harman's Gardens; thence, Southerly, down Harman's Gardens, to Sunday Gate; thence, Westerly, down Magdaline Street, and, Southerly, down Peter Street, to its Intersection with West Street and St. Lawrence Street; thence, Southerly, down the Centre of Shop Street, to the Centre of the Bridge over the Boyne, the Point first described. The whole of the Area within this Line to form *East Ward*.

SOUTH WARD.

South Ward.
Six Councillors.

Commencing on the Centre of the Bridge over the River Boyne (which Bridge connects Bull Ring with Shop Street); thence, Easterly, down the Centre of the River Boyne, to its Intersection with the Boundary of the County of the Town; thence, Southerly, Westerly and Northerly, along the Boundary of the County of the Town, to its Point of Intersection with the South-west Boundary of West Ward, in the Centre of the River Boyne; thence, Easterly, down the Centre of the River Boyne, to the Centre of the Bridge, the Point first described. The whole of the Area within this Line to form *South Ward*.

PROPOSED NEW
BOUNDARY.
(See Plan No. 2.)

With reference to the second Paragraph of the Instructions, dated 12th April, in case a more restricted Boundary should be at any time contemplated, I propose the following:—

From the Point (1), called "Liberty Bridge," near Greenhills, on the Left Bank of the River Boyne, East of the Town, where a small Stream enters the River in an Easterly direction, up Cord Lane to the South-east Corner of the Burial Ground (2); thence, Northerly, along the Eastern Boundary Wall of the Burial Ground up the Lane, to Scarlet Lane (3); thence to the North-west Corner of the Gaol Wall (4); thence in a straight Line to the North-east Corner of Harman's Garden Wall (5); thence, Southerly, round the Garden Wall to the South-west Corner (6); thence in a straight Line to the Cross Roads at the Top of Windmill Lane (7); thence to the North Road to the Point (8) where the Parliamentary Boundary crosses it; thence in a straight Line, keeping the Parliamentary Boundary to the South-west Corner of Laburnum Nursery, being about Three hundred Yards (9); thence in a straight Line to the Junction of Mell Lane and Collon Road (10); thence in a straight

a straight Line to Low Water Mark (11), Left Bank of the River; thence diagonally across the River, down Stream to a Sluice (12), where a small Stream enters the River and the Parliamentary Borough crosses; thence to the South End of Mr. Ball's House, Ball's Grove (13); thence to the Junction of a Lane coming from the South with the Road to Navan and the Black Lion, near a Stone Quarry, and about Two hundred and fifty Yards South of the River (14); thence in a straight Line to Levan's Bridge (15); thence keeping the course of the Brook, Westerly, to Cooley Bridge (16); thence in a straight Line to the South-east Angle of the Boundary Wall of St. Mary's Churchyard, being part of the Old Town Walls (17); thence in a straight Line to the Dublin Road, at the Point of Junction with a Lane running North from Cromwell's Mount (18); thence in a straight Line to the East End of Mr. Wier's new House, on the Road to Morningtown (19); and thence across the River to the Point first described.

The Population within the restricted Limits will amount to about 17,000.

This Borough will require Three Wards and Eighteen Councillors.

The Wards into which this restricted District may be best divided, in my opinion, are as follows:—

WEST GATE WARD:

Commencing at the Borough Boundary (8) on the North Road; and thence in a South-easterly direction, down the Centre of the North Road to its intersection with Fair Street; thence, Easterly, down Fair Street to its intersection with Scholes Lane; thence, Southerly, down Scholes Lane to its intersection with West Street; thence, Easterly, down West Street to its intersection with Shop Street; thence, Southerly, down Shop Street, over the Bridge, up Bull Ring to its intersection with Barrack Lane; thence, South-westerly, up Barrack Lane, past the Barracks, to its intersection with Duleck Street; thence up Duleck Street to the Borough Boundary at Cooley Bridge; thence, Westerly, round the Borough Boundary across the River, keeping the Boundary to the Point first named. The whole of the Area within this Line to form *West Gate Ward*.

DIVISION INTO
WARDS within the
proposed New
Boundary.
(See Plan No. 2.)
West Gate Ward.
Six Councillors.

FAIR GATE WARD:

Commencing at the Borough Boundary on the North Road as before, and coming in a South-easterly direction, down the Centre of the North Road to its intersection with Fair Street; thence, Easterly, down Fair Street to its intersection with Scholes Lane; thence, Southerly, down Scholes Lane to its intersection with West Street; thence, Easterly, down West Street to its intersection with Peter Street; thence, Northerly, up Peter Street to where it meets the Ends of William Street and Fair Street; thence, Easterly, down William Street to its intersection with Palace Street; thence, Northerly, up Palace Street to its intersection with Scarlet Lane; thence, Easterly, down Scarlet Lane to the Borough Boundary (3); thence, Westerly, round the Borough Boundary to the Point first named on the North Road. The whole of the Area within this Line to form *Fair Gate Ward*.

Fair Gate Ward.
Six Councillors.

ST. LAWRENCE GATE WARD:

Commencing at the West End of St. Lawrence Street, where that Street, Peter Street, West Street and Shop Street, all meet; thence, Northerly, up Peter Street till it meets the Ends of Fair Street and William Street; thence, Easterly, down William Street to its intersection with Palace Street; thence, Northerly, up Palace Street to its intersection with Scarlet Lane; thence, Easterly, down Scarlet Lane to the Borough Boundary (3); thence, Southerly, along the Borough Boundary crossing the River, and continuing the Boundary to Cooley Bridge (16); thence, Northerly, down Duleck Street, keeping the Eastern Boundary of West Gate Ward, to the intersection of Shop Street, Lawrence Street and Peter Street, being the Point first named. The whole of the Area within this Line to form *St. Lawrence Gate Ward*.

St. Lawrence Gate
Ward.
Six Councillors.

R. C. Alderson,

DROGHEDA

From the Ordnance Survey

The Ancient Boundary from the Boundary Commissioners

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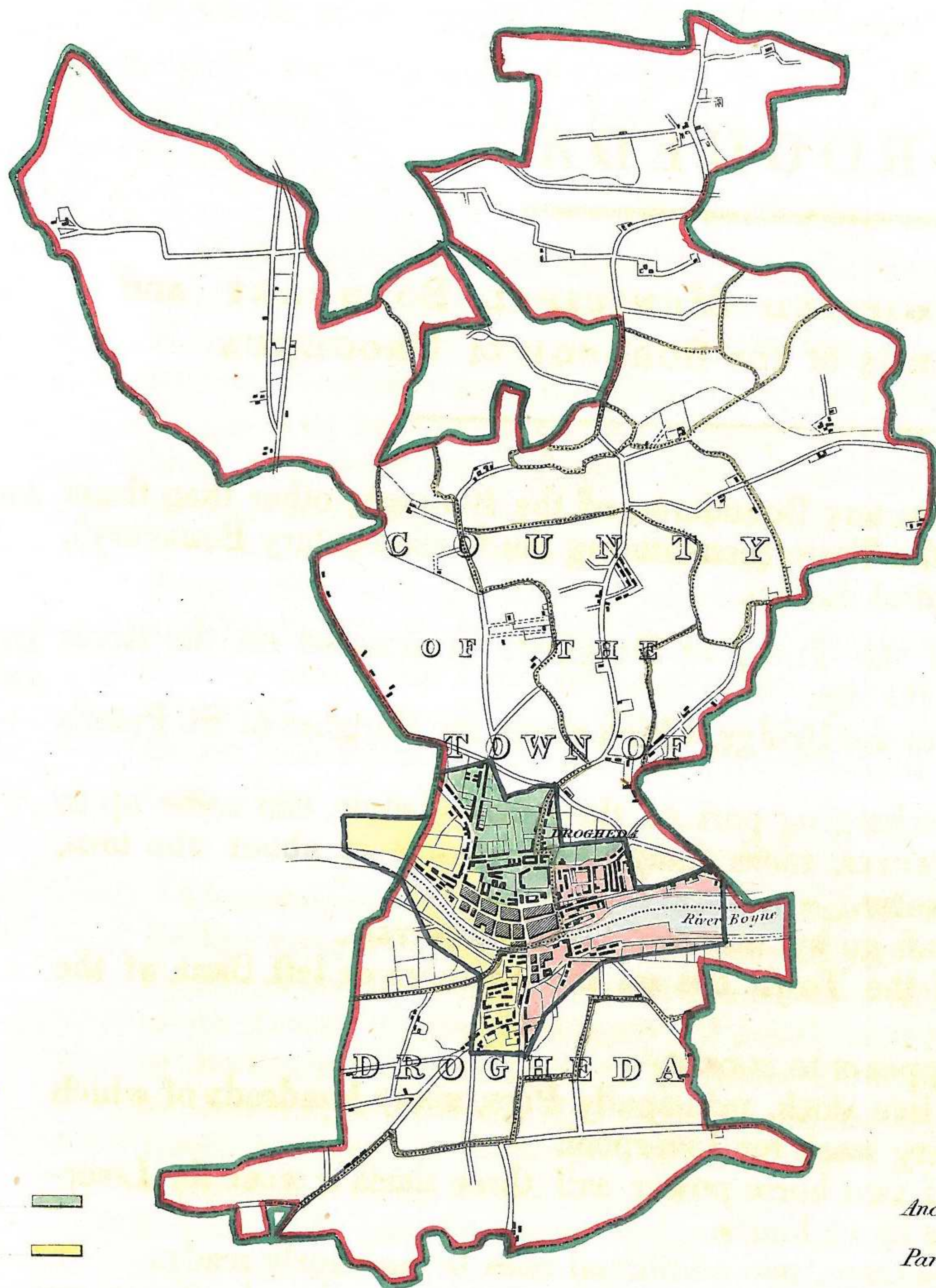
This is a map of Drogheda, County Wick, showing the town and surrounding areas. The map is divided into wards: WEST, EAST, SOUTH, and NORTH. It features a red boundary line for the ancient boundary, a purple line for the proposed boundary, and a black line for the parliamentary boundary. The River Boyne flows through the town. Various landmarks are labeled, including St. Peter's Church, St. Mary's Church, and the Old Town Wall. A scale bar indicates one inch to one statute mile. A legend on the right explains the color coding for boundaries and features.

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From the Ordnance Survey

The Ancient Boundary from the Boundary Commissioners

PL. No. 11.

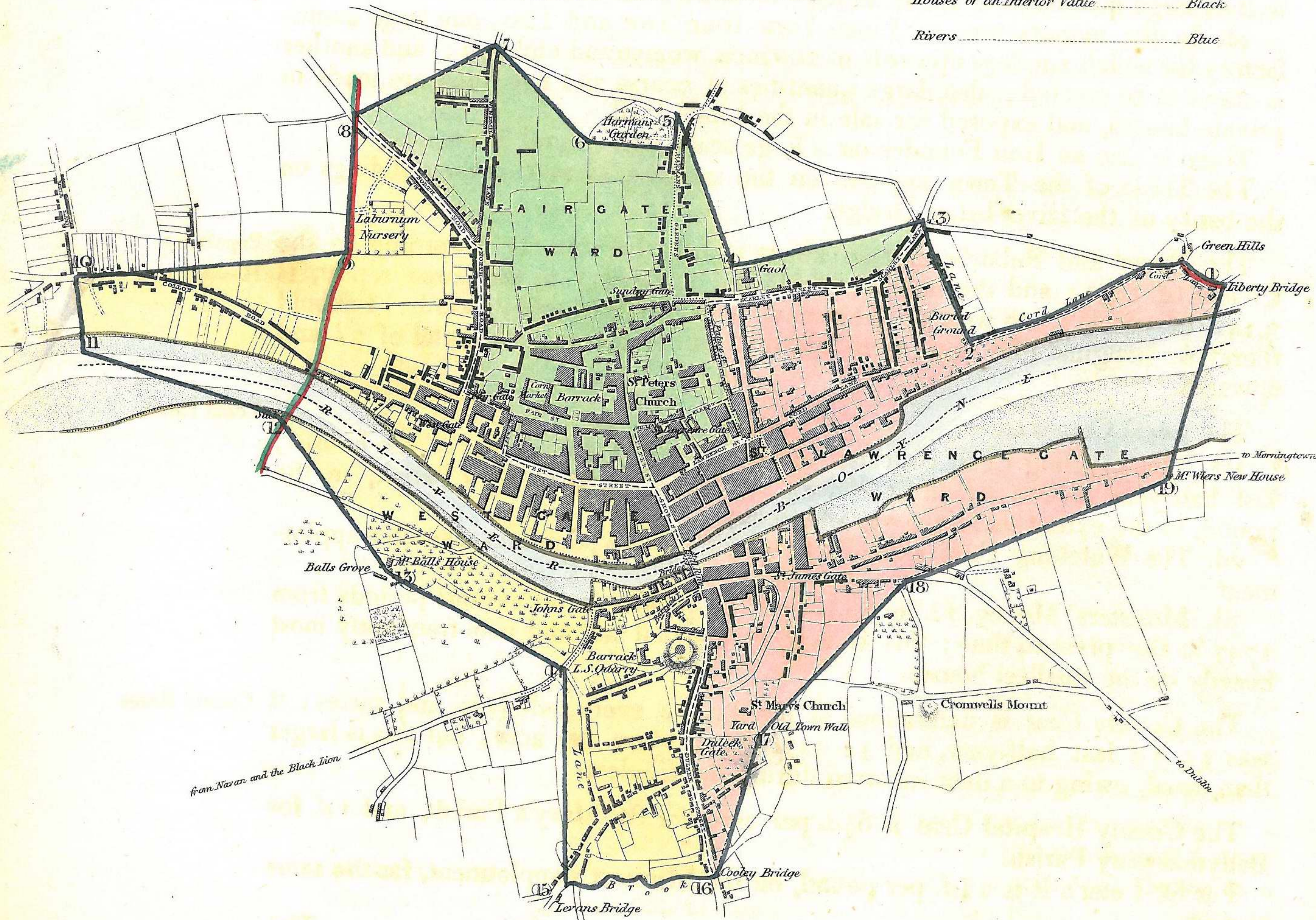


FAIR GATE
WARDS WEST GATE
ST LAWRENCE GATE

Scale—One Inch to One Statute Mile
0 1/4 1/2 3 Miles

REFERENCES

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



Scale—Four Inches to One Statute Mile

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