

DUNDALK.

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

THE precise Limits of the ancient Borough are not recited in the Charters, and ANCIENT LIMITS. cannot be distinctly traced.

Dundalk is the County Town of Louth, situate at the head of the Bay of the same name, and is an improving place; its prosperity arises principally from its DESCRIPTION OF THE TOWN. being a considerable mart for agricultural produce, and a shipping port for Corn, Cattle, &c. The Harbour, however, is shallow, admitting only small vessels, but should any of the projects which have been suggested for its improvement ever be carried into effect, it would most likely increase in importance, and extend principally in the direction of the Cavalry Barracks, and from thence to Soldier's Point. The Corporate Body possess no property of any description, or any public revenue, except a small rent arising from the slaughter-house and shambles, producing about 25*l.* per year.

By the Census of 1831, the Population amounted to 10,078; some increase has Population. taken place since that period, and it may not be over-rated at present at about 11,000 souls.

The general Act for "lighting, watching and cleansing" has been only partially Local Rates. brought into operation since February 1832. An effectual watch has been established, but no lighting as yet. The Rates levied on the inhabitants under the authority of this Act have been, from July 1833 to July 1836, assessed in the following proportion; viz.

Houses of the value of 5*l.*, and not exceeding 10*l.*, at 5*d.* per pound; 10*l.*, and not exceeding 20*l.*, at 7½*d.*; 20*l.* and upwards, at 10*d.* per pound; the annual amount of Rates as now collected being about 800*l.*

The main street is a Turnpike Road; the other principal streets and paths are County Rates. kept in repair by County presentments, levied according to an applotted valuation.

I recommend the following Boundary, which is co-extensive with the Parliamentary Boundary:—

From the Point (1) on the East of the Town, about Eight hundred Yards PROPOSED from the Inclosure Wall of the Cavalry Barracks, at which a Road which runs BOUNDARY. from the Sea-shore through the Marshes to Black Rock leaves the Sea-shore, along such Road to the Point at which the same meets the Boundary (2) of the Lower Marsh Townland; thence, Westward, along the Boundary of the Lower Marsh Townland to the Point at which the same reaches the Bridge (3) on the Dublin Road; thence in a straight Line for about One hundred Yards in a South-westerly direction to the nearest Point (4) of the Boundary of the Town Parks; thence, Westward, along the Boundary of the Town Parks to the Point at which the same meets the Boundary of Lord Roden's Demesne (5); thence, Eastward, along the Boundary of Lord Roden's Demesne to the Point at which the same meets the Boundary (6) between the Parishes of Dundalk and Castletown, excluding the whole of the Demesne; thence, Northward, along the Boundary between the Parishes of Dundalk and Castletown, to the Point at which the same meets the Boundary of the Town Parks at the River (7); thence, Eastward, along the Boundary of the Town Parks to the Bridge on the Newry Road (8); thence along the Southern Shore of the Bay of Dundalk to the Point first described.

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From the Ordnance Survey.

