## LIMERICK.

REPORT upon the Proposed Municipal Boundary and Division into Wards of the Borough of Limerick.

THE ancient Limits of the County of the City are said to contain 26,000 Ancient Limits. statute acres.

The Census of 1831 states the Population of the County of the City of Limerick Population. at 66,554.

The Old Town, the New Town, and the Liberties of Limerick, which together Description of form the County of the City, are most distinct in their general character, as well The Town. as in the nature of their wants.

The Old Town is one vast mass of dilapidation, filth and misery, which nothing but general employment of the people throughout the country can correct; because the unemployed poor are attracted to the large crumbling City, where they can find, at a cheap rate, something like a roof to cover them.

The New Town is in a most rapidly advancing state. Its chief want as a maritime commercial Town is about to be supplied. At low water the strand at the Quays is laid bare, and the shipping now suffer all the injurious consequences of being left aground by every ebb tide. An admirable project for a Wear has been proposed. This when constructed will have the effect of giving a constant depth of from 16 to 23 feet for a considerable distance above the Wear.

The Liberties contain a very poor agricultural Population, occupying a large extent of surface round the Town. They require to be exempted from a most oppressive degree of taxation to which they are at present exposed.

These three very different component parts form the County of the City of Limerick, and are under the immediate management of two Corporations. The one is the great Municipal Body. The other is the body called St. Michael's Commissioners.

The result of the system is that the poor agriculturists are taxed enormously to Local supply things which they never enjoy. The rich citizens are taxed lightly to supply things that they always enjoy.

The poor distant countryman pays more than six times the rate of the tax paid by the rich citizen (on a fair relative comparison) in order to support City luxuries, City Corporations and general City establishments.

The following is a comparative view of three grades of taxation in this vicinity:—

l.	The average yearly Rates of Agriculturists of the County of	£.	. S.	d.	
	Limerick at large, who are not under the jurisdiction of the City Corporation, amount to, per acre-	A	2	10	County Rates.
	The average yearly Rates paid by the inhabitants of St. Michael's, the rich New Town of Limerick, per pound rent -	,	1	1 3	New Town Rates.
3.	The poor Agriculturists of the Liberties, who are under the jurisdiction and taxation of the great Corporate Body, pay			32	
	into the City Treasury yearly a tax which amounts to, per acre	Chronic Chronic		the .	Liberties Rates.
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The inhabitants of the New Town profess to be paying 2s. 3d. in the pound for a portion of their property, rateable dwelling-houses. Warehouses are rated at  $3\frac{1}{2}d.$  in the pound; but the valuation of rent upon which these rates are levied is only estimated at two-thirds of the actual value or amount of rent.

In the year ending March 1836, two-thirds of the rent of rateable houses in the New Town amounted to -	£. 28,766 10,237	S.	<i>d</i> .
Same year, two-thirds of the rent of warehouses amounted to	10,237	<b>4000</b> -	
Two-thirds of all rateable Rents	39,003		-
Add	19,501	10	
Actual Value of rateable Rent in the New Town - £.	58,504	10	<b>~</b>

The total amount of rates levied in the New Town for the year ending March 1836 was 3,371, which gives a fraction less than 1s. 1\frac{3}{4}d. in the pound upon the fairly estimated rents.

T	he annual amount levied upon the Rural District or Lil	berties	£.	\$.	d.
	for the City Treasury is about		5,500	-	4
•	Suppose this last sum added to the		3,371	Consid	60m)
	Making a Total Sum of	- £.	8,871		

and suppose it all to be necessary for the City expenditure; suppose, also, that it be all levied upon the New Town citizens, who enjoy the advantages it produces; still the rate to them would be under 3s. in the pound, or less than one-half the rate now charged to the indigent remote agriculturists, for objects in which the latter are so little concerned.

These poor people feel the present system to be a very serious injustice and a grievance.

DIVISION INTO WARDS.

It is proposed that Limerick should be divided into Five Wards, each Ward to have the power of electing Six Councillors. The names of the Wards to be as follow:—

- 1. Thomond Bridge Ward.
- 2. Patrick Street Ward.
- 3. William Street Ward.
- 4. Glentworth Street Ward.
- 5. Richmond Place Ward.

Description of the Wards. (See Plans No. 1 & 2.) Thomond Bridge Ward to contain the whole of the North Liberties situated in the County of Clare, and the whole of the King's Island upon which English Town is situated.

Patrick Street Ward is bounded on the North and West by the River Shannon and the Salmon Weir River; on the East by the Eastern Parliamentary Boundary, extending from the Shannon River to the Mulcair River; and on the South by a Line drawn from the Shannon, passing Easterly, through the Angle formed by the meeting of Archer's Quay and Honan's Quay; through Denmark Street, Robert Street, Corn Market Row, Play House Street; East through Cornwallis Street; East through John's Square to John's Gate; Easterly along John's Gate and Penny Well Road till it reaches the Dublin Road at the Eastern Extremity of Clare Street; thence, Easterly, along the Dublin Road till it reaches Annacotti Bridge on the Mulcair River; thence, Southward, up the Course of the Mulcair River till it reaches the Eastern Parliamentary Boundary.

William Street Ward is bounded on the North and East by the Shannon River and Patrick Street Ward; upon the West by a Line going Southerly from the Shannon through Shannon Street, Roche's Street; East through Cornwallis Street, till it crosses Upper William Street; South along Upper William Street, Newtown Mahon and the present Cork Mail Coach Road till it crosses the Parliamentary Boundary; on the South it is bounded by that portion of the South Parliamentary Boundary extending from the Cork Mail Coach Road to the Mulcair River.

Glentworth

Glentworth Street Ward is bounded on the North by the Shannon River, on the East by William Street Ward, on the West by a Line going Southerly from the Shannon along Mallow Street, till it reaches Bohirboy; thence, West, along the Bohirboy and Kerry Road to the Raheen Chapel Cross Road, about Two Miles from the Town; thence, South-easterly, along the Raheen Cross Road till it reaches the Road between Roxborough and Friars' Town; thence South along the Friar's Town Road till it crosses the Parliamentary Boundary; on the South it is bounded by that portion of the Southern Parliamentary Boundary lying between the above-named Friars' Town Road and the present Cork Mail Coach Road.

Richmond Place Ward is bounded on the North by the River Shannon, on the East by Glentworth Street Ward, and on the West and South by the West and South portion of the Parliamentary Boundary, extending from the Shannon to where the Roxborough and Friars' Town Road crosses the Parliamentary Boundary.

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

From the Point (1) at the North of King's Island, where the Salmon Weir Proposed New River flows from the Shannon, along the said Salmon Weir River till it BOUNDARY. reaches (2) the Point where the Canal joins the said River; thence in a direction Easterly along the Canal for about half a mile to (3) the Centre of Park Bridge, which crosses the Canal; thence in a straight Line to the Centre of the Cupola (4) upon the Top of the Lunatic Asylum; thence in a straight Line and South-westerly direction to the Point (5) in the Roxborough Road where it is met by Wilmont Lane; thence along Wilmont Lane to the West Pier of a Gate (6) belonging to Mr. Maloney on North Side of said Lane, and nearly opposite to Wilmont Villa; thence in a straight Line and North-westerly direction across Mr. Maloney's Field and two other Fields till it reaches the Extremity of a small Lane (7); thence continuing along said Lane, past the Limestone Quarry of William Hargan, until it reaches Bohirboy Road (8); thence, Westerly, along Bohirboy till it reaches Hore's Street (9); thence, Nroth-westerly, along Hore's Street to the South Circular Road (10); thence, North-easterly, about Twenty-three Yards along the Circular Road to where Court Brack Avenue leads off Northwesterly (11); thence, North-westerly, along Court Brack Avenue till it reaches Harvey's Quay, situated at the End of said Avenue (12); thence in a straight Line across the Shannon to Barrington's Quay (13) upon the Clare Side, near the old Ruins of Kilrush Church; thence about Two hundred Yards, North-easterly, along Barrington's Quay to the North Circular Road (14); thence, North-westerly, and following the direction of the Circular Road to (15) where it meets the Shelbourne and Farrenshowen Roads; thence along the Farrenshowen Road to (16) where it crosses the New Ennis Mail Coach Road, at nearly half a mile from Wellesley Bridge; thence continuing about One hundred Yards up the Farrenshowen Road to (17) where there is a Cottage at a turn in the Road; thence in a straight Line to the Point (18) where the Killaloe Road meets the Old North Ennis Road; thence along the Killaloe Road to the Point (19) where it meets the Black Stick Road; thence in a straight Line to the Point first described.

It is proposed to divide this restricted district into Five Wards, allowing Six Councillors to each Ward, as follows:-

- 1. Thomond Bridge Ward.
- 2. John Street Ward.
- 3. Patrick Street Ward.
- 4. Glentworth Street Ward.
- 5. Richmond Place Ward.

DIVISION INTO WARDS within the proposed new Boundary.

Ward Boundaries.
(See Plan No. 3.)

Thomond Bridge Ward is bounded on the West and North by that portion of the Exterior Boundary already described, between Barrington's Quay and the North Point of King's Island; thence it goes Southward and Westward, along Salmon Weir River, till it reaches the Shannon; thence, South-westerly, along the Shannon to the Point of Barrington's Quay.

John Street Ward is bounded by the Canal from its Commencement (2) in the Salmon Weir River, to the Centre of the Park Bridge (3) which crosses the Canal; thence in a straight Line to (4) the Centre of the Cupola of the Lunatic Asylum; thence in a straight Line to the Point (5) where the Wilmont Road meets the Roxborough Road; thence, Northerly, along the Roxborough Road, Upper William Street, High Street, Mungret Street, on the Centre of Balls Bridge; thence to Commencement of Canal (2).

Patrick Street Ward is bounded by a straight Line running from the Shannon through the Centre of Bedford Row; thence through Thomas Street and a small portion of Wickham Street leading into High Street; thence through High Street, Mungret Street, Broad Street, to the Centre of Balls Bridge; thence following the Stream, it passes New Bridge, reaches the Shannon, and follows its course, Southward, till it meets the Line of Bedford's Row produced.

Glentworth Street Ward is bounded on the North-west by the Shannon, North-east and East by Patrick Street Ward and John Street Ward above described, the remainder of its Boundary being formed by a Line through the Centre of Mallow Street; thence in a Westerly direction through a small portion of Bohirboy till it meets Carey's Road; thence along Carey's Road till it meets the John Street Ward Boundary in the Roxborough Road.

Richmond Place Ward is bounded on the North by the Shannon, on the West and South by the Exterior South-western Boundary, and on the East by Glentworth Street Ward and John Street Ward.

The Population within the proposed Limits will be upwards of 44,000.

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