

## LONDONDERRY.

### REPORT upon the PROPOSED MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY and DIVISION into WARDS of the CITY of LONDONDERRY.

ACCORDING to the present Charter of Londonderry, granted by Charles the Second, in the fourteenth year of his reign, the extent of the "City and Liberties" is defined to be within, and by the space and circuit of, three Irish miles, to be measured and limited from the middle of the said City of Derry on each and every side of the said City. This circular Boundary assigned by Charter has not, however, been adhered to; and the jurisdiction of the Corporation at present extends over the whole Parish of Templemore on the West Shore of the River Foyle, and over a large portion of the Parish of Clondermot on the East Shore of the same River. ANCIENT LIMITS.

The City of Londonderry is advantageously and beautifully situated on the West Shore of the River Foyle at a distance of 19 miles from the Sea; vessels of 350 tons can approach the City, and the River continues navigable for barges of a light draught of water 17 miles above the City to Castle Fin on one branch, and to Strabane on another, so that besides being the capital of the County, it is also, from its favourable situation, the principal mart and commercial Capital of the adjoining Counties of Donegal and Tyrone. Situation and Description of the Town.

The foreign trade has remained nearly stationary during the last ten years; but the home or coasting trade has much augmented in the same time; in the year 1826 there entered inwards 32,632 tons, and outwards 20,498; and in 1834 there entered inwards 63,726 tons, and outwards 62,502 tons. Much of this improvement must be ascribed to the introduction of steam-boats, and the establishment of two regular lines to Glasgow and Liverpool, affording a ready and constant outlet for agricultural produce, and stimulating increased production in an eminent degree, particularly that of flax and wheat. Not many years ago wheat was imported for home consumption, and now it is exported in considerable quantities; and during the year 1835, besides butter and other articles of farm produce, eggs alone were exported to the value of 70,000*l*. In the year 1821 the Revenue of the Post-office amounted to 2,490*l*., and in 1835 to 4,047*l*.; a strong indication of the improving commerce, and prospering state of the city. Commerce.

The enumeration of the City and Suburbs, hitherto so called, has been confined to the Island of Derry, and exclusive of two other Suburbs called Edenballymore and the Waterside. The enumeration of these last having been mixed up with that of the Townland in which they are situated, I have only been able to form a near estimate with respect to them; but the entire Population, for the year 1831, may be stated as follows:— Population.

City and Suburbs in the Island of Derry	-	-	-	10,130
Suburb of Edenballymore	-	-	-	3,000
Suburb of Waterside and Quaybrae Head	-	-	-	1,000
Total	-	-	-	<u>14,130</u>

Since the Census of 1821, the increase of population has been very considerable, particularly in the Suburb of Edenballymore, where it is generally considered that the number of Houses and Population has increased by one-third; on the contrary, in the Suburb of Waterside the increase has not been very remarkable. In the Island of Derry the Population, in 1821, amounted to 9,313, thus showing an increase, in the subsequent ten years, of 817 persons. But the total increase in the



the same period may be estimated (very near the truth) at 2,000 persons, forming a total augmentation of about one-sixth.

## Local Rates.

The Assessments raised in the City of Derry are, viz. the Lighting Cess (raised under a Local Act), the Pipe Water Tax (under a different local Act), the County Rate, and the Parish Rate. The Lighting Cess is raised for the purpose of lighting with gas, watching and cleansing the City, and the amount required is applopped on a sworn valuation made of the Houses in the District to which the Lights, &c., are extended, about  $11\frac{1}{2}d.$  in the Pound.

## County Rate.

In 1835 the County Rate was about  $1s. 6d.$  in the Pound on the real value.

## Houses in City and Suburbs.

The City and Suburbs contained, in the year 1831, 2,043 houses, of which 735 were of the yearly value of  $10l.$  and upwards.

## Existing Wards.

Under the Statute (30 Geo. 3, c. 31) the City was divided into Four Wards by the Corporation for the purposes of Assessments, and these continue to be made by Wards, although their distinct Limits seem to be but little known to the Inhabitants generally. In this Division into Wards, the four leading Streets (meeting at the Diamond) occupy the centre nearly of each Ward, and the separating Lines are drawn through the blocks of Buildings; and probably through want of a more defined Boundary Line, arose the difficulty of recognizing their Limits. The Population of the several Wards, in 1831, was stated to me as follows:—

1. Butcher Street Ward	-	-	-	1,856	Persons.
2. Bishop Street Ward	-	-	-	4,050	—
3. Ferry Street Ward	-	-	-	3,236	—
4. Ship Quay Street Ward	-	-	-	988	—

## DIVISION INTO WARDS.

Having been instructed to form the City into Three Wards, I recommend the following Divisions to be adopted, as calculated to afford an equable distribution of population and rental, with a due regard to the compactness of the Parts.

The Wards I propose to distinguish as follows: 1. *North Ward*; 2. *East Ward*; 3. *South Ward*.

## North Ward.

The Boundary of the *North Ward* is shown by a Line proceeding from the Corporation Hall (in Diamond Square), North-eastward, down the Centre of Ship Quay Street, through Ship Quay Gate, and in continuation to the Wooden Quay; thence along the Wooden Quay to the End thereof, and in prolongation of the Line of the Wooden Quay until the same reaches the middle of the Stream of the River Foyle; thence down the said Stream, Northerly, upon the Parliamentary Bounds of the City, and conforming to the same, until it reaches the Point where the Road from the Bishop's Demesne reaches Long Moor Lane; thence across Long Moor Lane, and South-eastward down the North-east Side of the Rope Walk, and in continuation of the same direction until it reaches the Centre of the St. Columb's Wells Road; thence to the left hand, North-eastward, up the Centre of said Road, and in continuation of the same until the Line reaches the centre of Cow Bog Street, opposite the Butcher Gate; thence to the right hand, South-east, through the Centre of Butcher Gate and Butcher's Street, until it terminates at the Corporation Hall.

## 2d. East Ward.

The Boundary of the *East Ward* is shown by a Line proceeding from the Corporation Hall in Diamond Square, South-easterly, down the Centre of Ferry Quay Street, until it reaches Pump Street; thence to the right hand, South-westerly, up the Centre of Pump Street, until it reaches the Widow's Row; thence, South-east, down the Centre of Widow's Row, and on the Line thereof, until it reaches the Centre of Fountain Street; thence to the right hand, Westerly, along the Centre of Fountain Street, until it reaches Wapping Lane; thence to the left hand, South-easterly, down the Centre of Wapping Lane to the End thereof, and in prolongation of the same direction until the Line reaches the Mid-stream of the River Foyle; thence, South-westerly, up the Mid-stream or Channel of the River until it reaches the Point opposite to, and in the prolongation of, the Boundary Line of the Townlands of Gobnascale



Gobnascale and Tamnymore; thence in a straight Line to said Boundary Line of said Townlands, which there also form the Parliamentary Bounds of the City; thence along and conforming to the Parliamentary Boundary enclosing the Suburb of Waterside, until it reaches the middle of the River Foyle at the Point of Prolongation of the Southern Fence of the late Mr. Bond's Pleasure Grounds; thence down the middle of the River Foyle until it reaches the Point of Prolongation of the Wooden Quay; thence in a straight Line towards said Wooden Quay, and from the Wooden Quay to the Corporation Hall, as already described in the Boundary of the North Ward.

The Boundary of the *South Ward* is shown by a Line proceeding from the 3d. South Ward. Corporation Hall to the middle of the River Foyle, at the Point of Prolongation of the direction of Wapping Lane, as already described in the Boundary of the East Ward; thence to the South-west, up the middle of the River Foyle, until it arrives at the Point where it meets the prolongation of the Gallows Brook, or Mary Blue's Burn; thence, Northward, upon said prolongation of the Brook or Burn, which forms also the Parliamentary Boundary of the City; thence along and in conformity of said Parliamentary Boundary until it reaches the Gate of the Avenue leading to the Bishop's Demesne from the Long Moor Lane, and from said Gate to the Corporation Hall, as shown in the Boundary of the North Ward.

With reference to the second paragraph of the Instructions, dated 12th April last, in case an enlarged Boundary should be required, I recommend the annexed, founded on the following considerations:—

In proposing a new Municipal Boundary for the City of Londonderry, separating the Town and Suburbs from a District strictly rural, but leaving at the same time a reasonable space for the probable expansion of the City, I have been induced to recommend an extension of the Limits assigned by the Parliamentary Boundary; for though the same would be quite sufficient for that, and even for Municipal purposes, were the City in a stationary condition, yet when its rapidly improving and extending case is considered, I feel I shall hardly do justice to its rising interests and wants without making provision for the same in the space to be assigned to the Municipal Jurisdiction.

PROPOSED  
NEW BOUNDARY.

From (Point 1) a stout Masonry Pillar, North Side of Gateway at Black Bush Cottage, on West Side of the Road to Fahan, Eastward, by a straight Line to (Point 2) the West End of the Brick Wall forming a Part of the North Boundary of the Premises of the Free Grammar School or Foyle Academy; thence, Easterly, along the above-mentioned Brick Wall to its Eastern Termination (3) at the High Road on the Bank of the River Foyle; thence, Eastward, in a straight Line in continuation of the Line of the Brick Wall last mentioned, until the same arrives at the Point (4), being its Intersection of the ordinary Low Water Mark on the East Shore of the River Foyle; thence, Southward, along the Line of the ordinary Low Water Mark until such Line is terminated at (5), by the Prolongation Westward of the Line of the South Boundary Fence of the Pleasure Grounds of the late Wm. Bond, Esq.; thence, Eastward, along the Line of the above-mentioned Boundary Fence of Pleasure Grounds, until it arrives at (6) its Point of Intersection with the East Side of the Road to Newtown-Limavady; thence, South-easterly, in a straight Line to (7) a stout Masonry Pillar, West Side of a Gateway on the South Side of the Dungiven Road, about Fifty Yards East of Newtown-Limavady Road; thence, Southerly, in a straight Line to a Point on the Clondermot Road (8), where the North Boundary Fence of the Tannery Premises of Mr. William M'Carter terminates; thence, South-westerly, in a straight Line to the Point (9) on the Road to Dunymanagh, distant Two hundred and fifty Feet from its Point of Junction with the Old Strabane Road; thence, Westerly, in a straight Line to the Point (10) on the Old Strabane Road, where a Lane departs Southerly to the Fields; thence, Westerly



Westerly, along the Old Strabane Road to Point (11), the South-westernmost Gable of the Houses at Gobnascale on the North-west Side of said Old Strabane Road; thence, Westerly, in a straight Line to a Point (12) in the Townland Boundary between Gobnascale and Tamnymore, where said Boundary is met by a Lane from the North-east; thence, North-westerly, in continuation and prolongation of last-mentioned Townland Boundary, until it meets and intersects the Line of ordinary Low Water Mark on the East Shore of the River Foyle (13); thence, South-westerly, along the Line of the ordinary Low Water Mark until it is intersected (at 14) by a Line drawn from the North-east Angle of Foyle Hill Park, across the River Foyle to the Cottage marked (z), about One hundred and sixty Yards East of the Point of Intersection of the Boundary between the Townland of Gobnascale and Tamnymore and the old Strabane Road; thence, North-westerly, along the intersecting Line just mentioned to (15) the North-east Angle of the Boundary Fence of Foyle Hill Park; thence, North-westerly, along the North Boundary Fence of Foyle Hill Park to the Point (16) where it meets Long Moor Lane; thence, North-westerly, along the North Boundary Fence of Foyle Hill Park to the Point (17) Two hundred Feet West of Long Moor Lane; thence, North-easterly, in a straight Line to (18) the North End of the Brick Wall forming the Western Boundary Fence of Walker's Nurseries; thence, North-easterly, along the Western Boundary of the Nursery Grounds to a Point (19) on the Road to Newton Cunningham, where it forms a sharp Angle; thence, Northerly, in a straight Line to the Point (20) in the Avenue leading to the Deer Park at Two hundred Feet distant, Westward from the Entrance Gate in Long Moor Lane; thence, North-easterly, in a straight Line to (21) the South-west End of the Rope Walk on the Creggan Road; thence, North-easterly, in a straight Line to the Point (22) in the Lane leading Westward from the Gate at Black Bush Cottage, at One hundred Feet distance, Westward, of said Gate; thence, Eastward, One hundred Feet along last-mentioned Lane to the Point (1) on the Fahan Road already described.

DIVISION INTO  
WARDS within the  
proposed new  
Boundary.

The same Lines may be taken for the Division of the Wards within the altered Boundary.

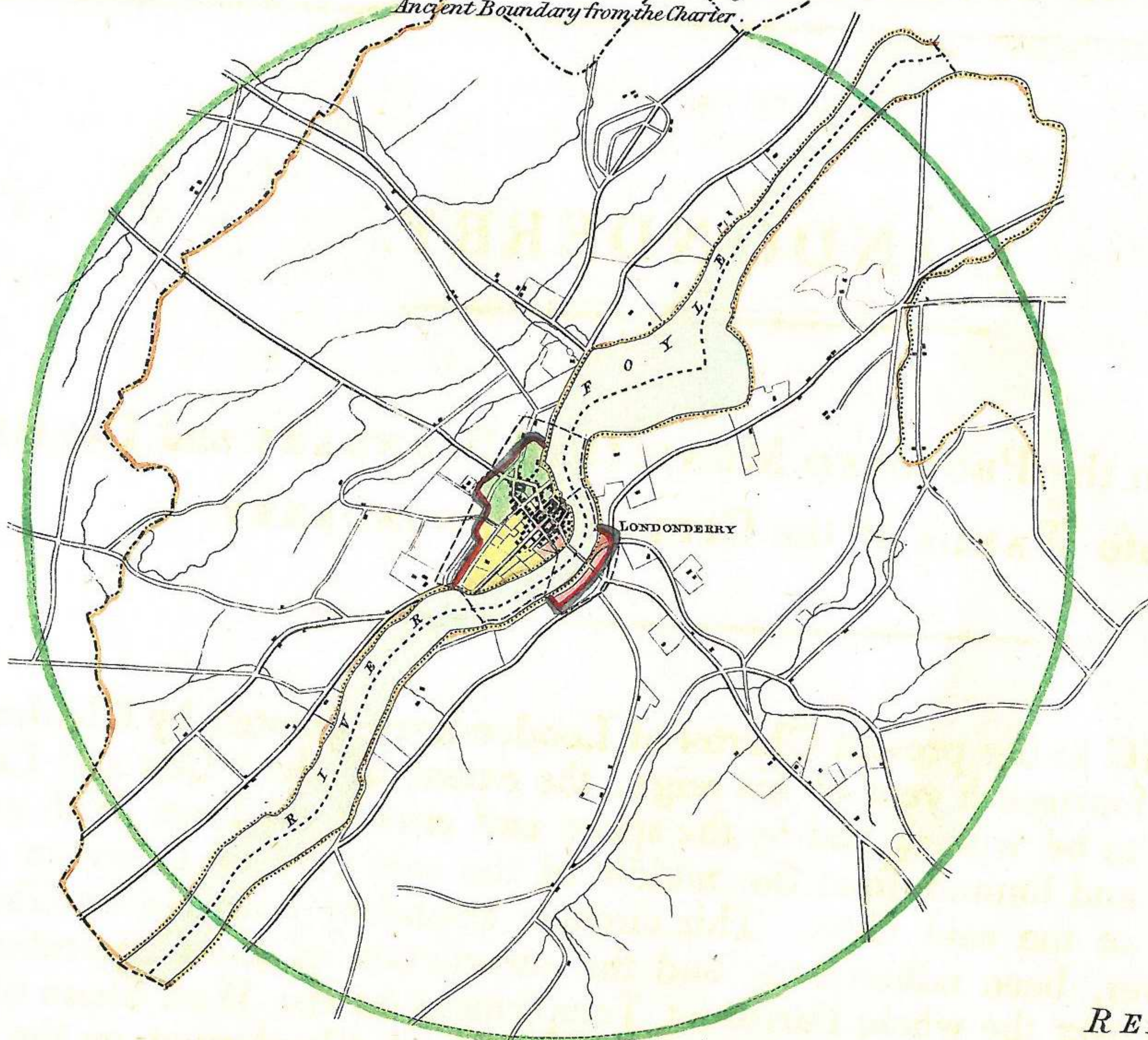
The Population within the proposed Municipal Boundary may be assumed to amount at this date to not less than 15,000 souls, and is augmenting.

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From the Ordnance Survey  
Ancient Boundary from the Charter

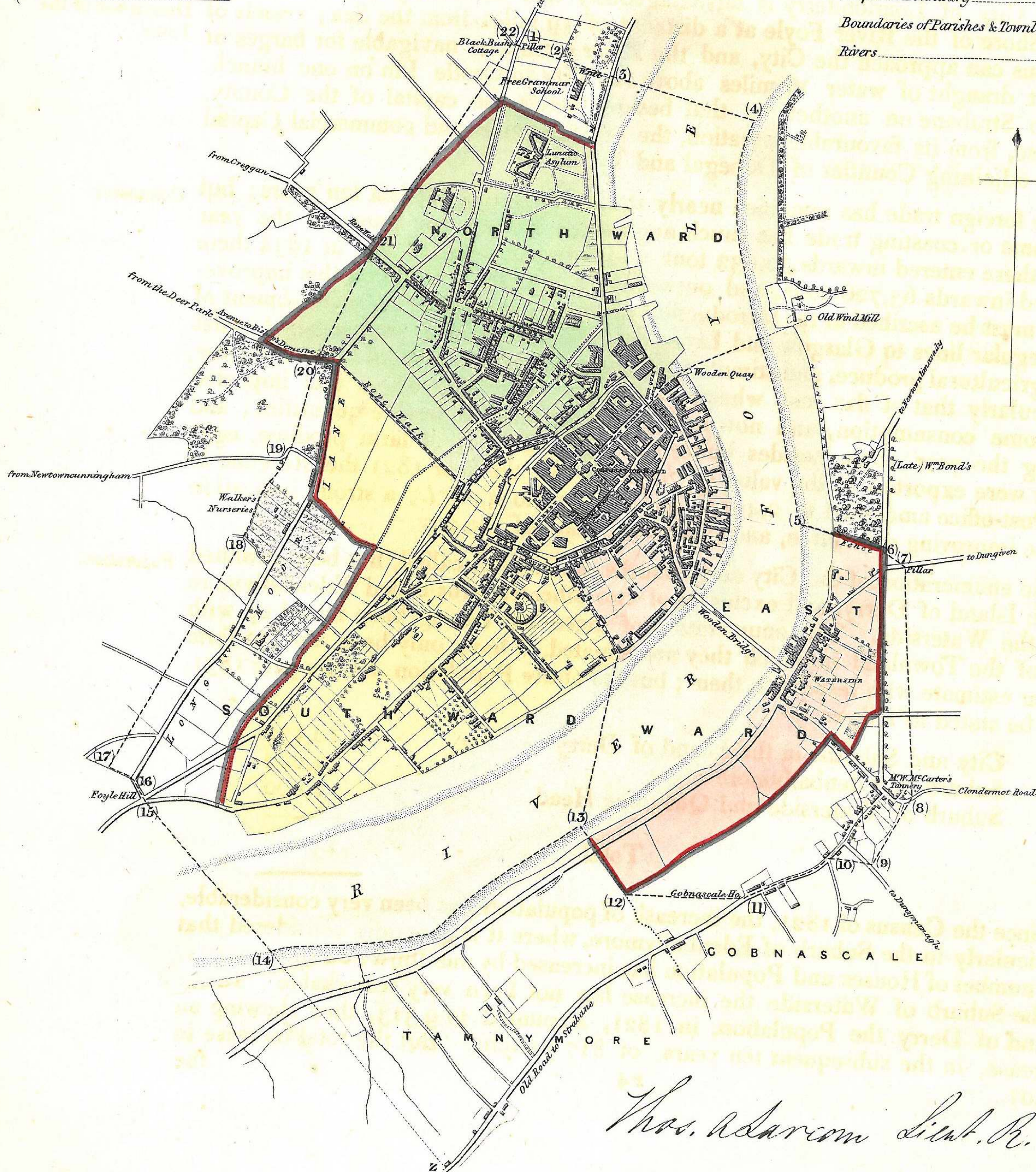


WARDS { NORTH .....  
EAST .....  
SOUTH .....

Scale Half an Inch to One Statute Mile  
0 1 2 3 Miles

## REFERENCES

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



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