

PORTARLINGTON.

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

ALL trace of the ancient Limits of the Borough of Portarlington appears to be lost; the extent of the Borough, as prescribed by Charter, was only 100 Acres of Plantation Measure (162 Statute Acres), which extended into the King's and Queen's Counties, in every direction, from the Pass over the River Barrow, commonly called Bellatride, near Cooltederry, *alias* Portarlington. The principal Bridge over the Barrow, which connects the two parts of the Town, now stands where this Pass was formerly.

ANCIENT LIMITS.

Few Towns of its size in Ireland have so respectable an appearance as Portarlington, which arises, not from its trade or manufactures, as it has comparatively none beyond the retail trade consequent on its population, but from the unusual number of resident gentlemen, who prefer it as a settled place of residence, though many of them do not possess property in the Town or its neighbourhood. The Town is 44 statute miles from Dublin, and is situated on the River Barrow, which separates the King's and Queen's Counties, and also divides the Town into two parts, the principal part being in the Queen's County. There are two Churches in the Town (neither of them the Parish Church), the Clergymen attached to which receive 80*l.* a year each, partly from a rent-charge on the lands of the Manor of Charlestown, and partly from ecclesiastical lands in the Diocese of Kildare. One of these Churches was originally built for the use of French Refugees who were settled in the Town, in the reign of William the Third, and the service was performed in French until about 25 years back.

DESCRIPTION OF
THE TOWN

In the year 1831 the Population amounted to 3,100, and it is supposed that at present it is very little more, as it does not appear to be an increasing Town.

Population.

There are not any Local Rates.

Local Rates.

The County Rate is levied on the acre, without any reference to the houses; the acreable rate for the portion of the Borough in the King's County has been on the average for the two last half-years 1*s.* 8½*d.*, 3*s.* 5*d.* for the year, and for the portion in the Queen's County 2*s.* 7¼*d.* per acre for the year, amounting altogether to about 70*l.* for the lands included in the Borough only.

County Rates.

If it should be at any time contemplated to adopt a more restricted Boundary, I propose the following, as being, in my opinion, well suited for Municipal purposes:—

From the Canal Bridge (1) on the Road to Dublin by Monasterevan, Northward, in a straight Line in the direction of the highest Point of a conspicuous and well-known Hill, called Croghan, near Philipstown in the King's County, until such straight Line cuts the River Barrow (2); thence, Westward, up the River Barrow to the Bridge (3) on the Road to Rathangan; thence, Northward, along the Rathangan Road for about One hundred Yards to the Point at which a Road to a Bog turns off to the Westward, and an old Road to Monasterevan to the Eastward (4); thence along the said Road to a Bog for a distance of Five hundred Yards (5); thence in a straight Line to a Bridge (6) on the Clonegown Road, which is distant (measured along the said Clonegown Road) about Five hundred Yards to the West of the Point at which the same leaves the Mountmellick Road; thence in a straight Line to the Point called Butler's Ford (7), at which a small Stream crosses the Mountmellick Road; thence in a straight Line to the Point on the Maryborough Road (8) which is distant about Five hundred and thirty Yards

PROPOSED NEW
BOUNDARY.

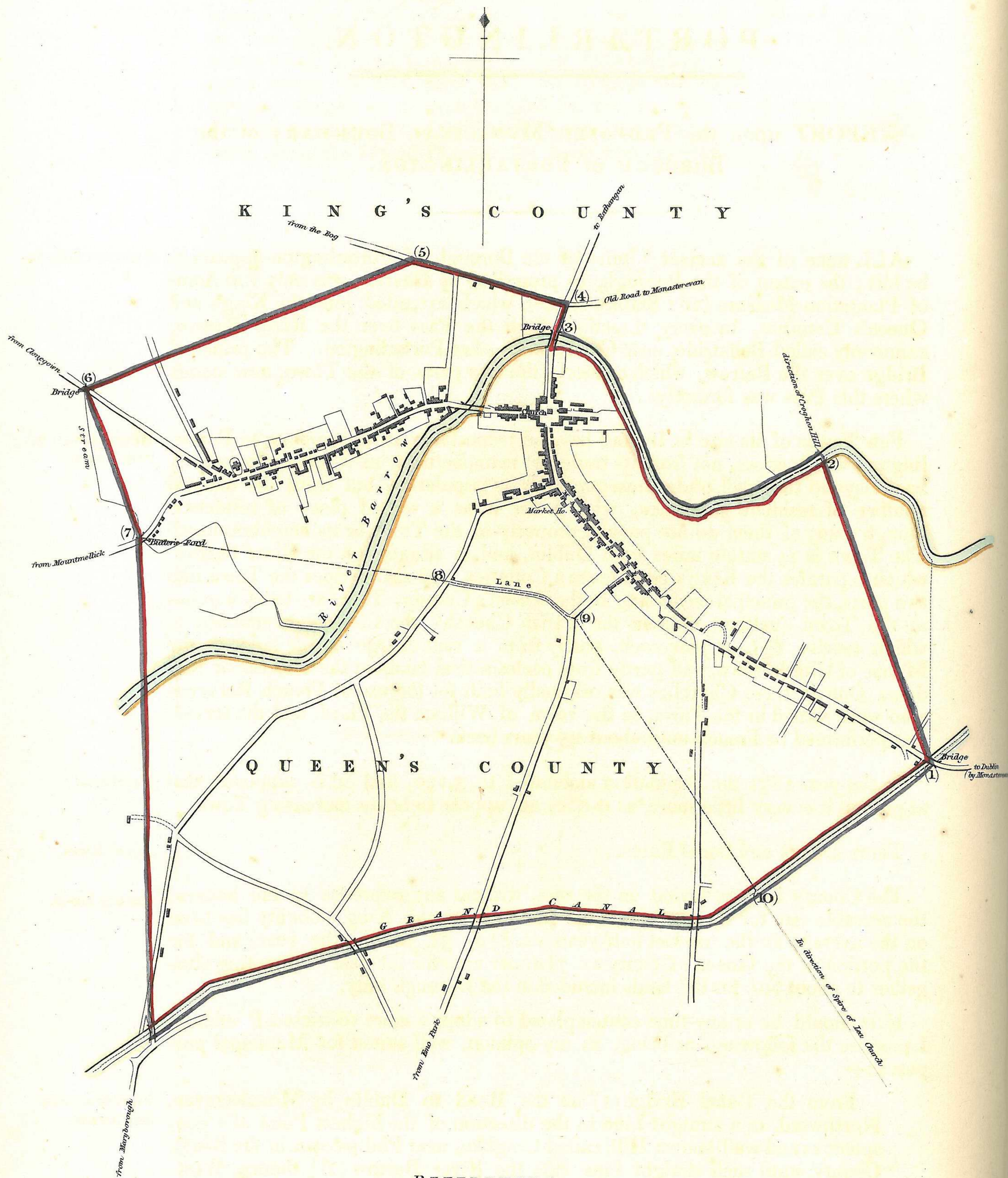
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measured along the said Maryborough Road) from the Main Street of Portarlington, and at which a Lane turns off to the Eastward, and runs across to the Emo Park Road ; thence along the said Lane to the Emo Park Road (9), which Road the said Lane meets about Two hundred and Fifty Yards (measured along the said Emo Park Road) from the Main Street of Portarlington ; thence in a straight Line in the direction of the Spire of Lea Church, until such straight Line cuts the Grand Canal (10) ; thence, Eastward, along the Grand Canal to the Point first described.

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From Local Survey



REFERENCES

- Parliamentary Boundary Red
- Proposed Boundary Purple
- Boundaries of Counties Brown
- Rivers Blue

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