

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious answer—

I receive with pleasure your loyal and dutiful Address.

I am gratified by your kind and sympathetic references to Our great sorrow and to the irreparable loss the Nation has sustained in the death of My beloved Mother, Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

I receive with satisfaction your expressions of loyalty and your congratulations on My Accession to the Throne, and your good wishes for the prosperity of My Reign.

I rejoice to hear of the growth and progress made by your University, and of its far-reaching influence, and I remember with pleasure My personal connection with the University of the Ancient City of Edinburgh, and I trust it may ever prosper in the good work it is so successfully carrying on.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACTS.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF FIFESHIRE.

PARISHES OF WEMYSS AND BEATH.

Order by the Secretary for Scotland.

WHEREAS since the date of the Order of the Boundary Commissioners for Scotland forming Electoral Divisions for the County of Fife, a material change of circumstances has occurred in respect of the population and annual value of the Electoral Divisions in the Parishes of Wemyss and Beath, in the said County.

And whereas the County Council have applied to me for a rearrangement of the Electoral Divisions within the said Parishes; and whereas I am of opinion that it is expedient to give effect to the proposal of the said County Council.

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Alexander Hugh, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, K.T., His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, do, in virtue of the powers conferred on me by section 51 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, order as follows:—

The Order of the Boundary Commissioners for Scotland, dated 3rd November 1891, dealing with the Electoral Divisions of the County of Fife, is hereby recalled, in so far as it relates to the Parish of Wemyss, in the County of Fife, and from and after this date the said Parish of Wemyss, so far as it is not included within the limits of the Police Burgh of Buckhaven, Methil, and Innerleven, shall be divided into two Electoral Divisions, having the following names and contents, that is to say:—

WEST WEMYSS.—That part of the Parish of Wemyss which lies to the west of a line beginning at a point at the Parish boundary 150 feet north-west from the north corner of the Standing Stone Plantation, thence along the north-east side of the said plantation to the Standing Stone Road, thence north-eastward along the said road to the north end of Newton Farm service road, thence along the said Newton Farm service road and through Newton Farm steading till the public road from Kirkcaldy to Leven is reached, thence in a direct line to the chimney of the Michael Pit, thence southward in a direct line to the sea at high water mark.

EAST WEMYSS.—The remainder of the Parish of Wemyss, exclusive of the portion included within the limits of the Police Burgh of Buckhaven, Methil, and Innerleven.

The Order of the Boundary Commissioners for Scotland, dated 3rd November 1891, dealing with the Electoral Divisions of the County of Fife, is hereby recalled in so far as it relates to the Parish of Beath, in the County of Fife, and from and after this date the said Parish of Beath shall be divided into two Electoral Divisions, having the following names and contents, that is to say:—

BEATH, NORTH.—That part of the Parish of Beath which lies north of the following line, viz.:—A line from the eastmost point in the boundary between the Parishes of Beath and Balingry, which is touched by the Lochfitty Burn, following westwards the course of the said burn to the bridge near Muirtown Farm, on the road between Cantsdam and Kingseat, thence along the said road in a westerly direction to the boundary at Lochend, near Lochfitty Loch, between the Parishes of Beath and Dunfermline.

BEATH, SOUTH.—That portion of the said Parish of Beath which lies to the south side of the said line forming the south boundary of Beath North Electoral Division, including the Police Burgh of Cowdenbeath, or the portion of the said parish which is outside the Beath North Electoral Division.

Given under my hand and seal of Office at Whitehall, this 25th day of March 1901.

L. S.

BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH.

At the Court at Saint James', the 25th day of March 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day the Right Honourable Thomas George, Earl of Northbrook, G.C.S.I., and Colonel the Right Honourable Edward James Saunderson, M.P., were, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

At the Court at Saint James', the 25th day of March 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day the Honourable Sir Spencer Cecil Brabazon Ponsonby-Fane, G.C.B., was, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.