

of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in the words following, that is to say:

COVENTRY.

"We, the undersigned Barristers, duly appointed under the provisions of the "Act to provide for the regulation of municipal corporations in England and Wales," to revise the burgess lists of the city of Coventry in the present year, and by the same Act required to determine and set out the extent, limits, and boundary lines of the six wards into which that municipality is directed to be divided, have proceeded to Coventry for that purpose, and having, in order to ascertain the existing municipal boundaries, which by the seventh section of the Act, and the second section of schedule (A.) thereto, are directed to remain as before, perused and carefully considered the several charters of the corporation from the earliest period, an old lect-book of the manor of Coventry, extending back to the year 1419, and a manuscript volume upon the charters and franchises of the corporation, by Humphrey Burton, who was a solicitor and coroner of Coventry in the early part of the 17th century, and successfully defended its rights and franchises against Charles Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, afterwards King Charles the First; and being satisfied, from this investigation, that the municipal boundaries of Coventry are co-extensive with the county of the city; and having examined the rate-books of the several parishes, and considered the other evidence and information laid before us, have divided, and do hereby divide, the said city and county of the city of Coventry into six wards, to be respectfully named, Spon-street Ward, Earl-street Ward, Gosford-street Ward, Bishop-street Ward, Cross-cheaping Ward, and The North Ward. And we have determined and do hereby set out the extent, limits, and boundaries of the same several wards to be as follows; that is to say, Spon-street Ward from the principal northern door of the Church of St. John Baptist, eastward along the centre of the several streets called Fleet-street, Smithford-street, and High-street, to the point at which a line drawn along the centre of High-street would meet a line drawn up the centre of the street called Little Park-street, thence down the centre of the last-named street to Park-street gate, thence westward along the boundary of the Coventry or Cheylesmore Park, to the point at which the said boundary joins the turnpike road leading from Coventry to Warwick, thence southward along the boundary of the same park to the point at which it meets the boundary of the parish of Stivichall, thence along the western boundary of the said parish, to the point at which it meets the boundary of the county of the city of Coventry, thence turning towards the north along the boundary of the said county to the place at which it crosses the old turnpike road leading from Coventry to Birmingham, thence eastward along the centre of the same road up the centre of Spon-end and Spon-street, to the said principal northern door of the Church of St. John Baptist aforesaid.—Earl-street Ward, beginning at the centre of Gosford-bridge, situated at the eastern end of Gosford-street, and proceeding westward along the centre of the several streets called Gosford-street, Gordan Well, Earl-street, and High-street, to the point at which a line

drawn along the centre of High-street would meet a line drawn up the centre of the street called Little Park-street, thence down the centre of the last-named street to Park-street gate, thence westward along the boundary of the Coventry or Cheylesmore-park, to the point at which the said boundary joins the turnpike road leading from Coventry to Warwick, thence southward along the boundary of the same park to the point at which it meets the boundary of the parish of Stivichall, thence along the western boundary of the said parish to the point at which it meets the boundary of the county of the city of Coventry, thence turning towards the east, and proceeding along the last-named boundary to the point where it joins the boundary of the parish of Stoke, thence turning towards the west, and proceeding along the boundary line which parts the last-mentioned parish from the parish of St. Michael's, to the point where the last-mentioned boundary line meets the turnpike road leading from Coventry to Lutterworth, thence along the centre of the said road, and along the centre of Far Gosford-street to the said centre of Gosford-bridge herein-before mentioned.—Gosford-street Ward, beginning at the centre of Gosford-bridge, situated at the eastern end of Gosford-street, and proceeding westward along the centre of the several streets called Gosford-street, Jordan Well, Earl-street, and High-street, to the point at which a line drawn along the centre of Smithford-street would meet a line drawn down the centre of the street called Broad gate, hence along the centre of Broad-gate and the centre of a street called Cross-cheaping, to the place at which the river Sherbourne divides Cross-cheaping from the Burges, thence down the centre of the said river to the Priory mill-dam, thence to the Swanswell or Priory gate, thence (excluding the said gate from this ward) proceeding along the centre of the footway, which leads from the said gate, by the south-east side of Swanswell-pool to Primrose-hill-street, and along the centre of the last-named street to the road which runs before the eastern side of Primrose-hill-place; and along the centre of the same road to the footway which passes before the western front of Primrose-hill-house, and so along the same footway to the point at which it meets the highway called Harnall-lane, leading from Hill-fields to Jeffrey-wood's-cross, thence along the centre of the said highway to the nearest point of the boundary of the parish of Stoke, thence northwards along the last-named boundary to the point where it joins the boundary of the parish of Wyken, thence eastward along the southern boundary of the said parish of Wyken to the point at which it joins the boundary of the county of the city of Coventry, thence southward along the boundary of the said county across the turnpike road leading from Coventry to Lutterworth to the point at which the last-mentioned boundary meets the boundary of the parish of St. Michael, thence westward along the boundary line which parts the parish of Stoke from the parish of St. Michael to the point where the last-mentioned line meets the turnpike road leading from Coventry to Lutterworth, thence westward along the centre of the same road, and along the centre of Far-Gosford-street, to the said centre of Gosford-bridge before mentioned.—Bishop-street Ward: From the place at which the river Sherbourne divides the street called