

And further, that the said town of Ramsgate has an extensive harbour for the accommodation and protection of English and Foreign ships, and their crews, who frequently take shelter there, in great numbers, to the amount, sometimes, of between three and four hundred sail of vessels :

And further, that the population of the town and parish of Ramsgate, being oftentimes greatly increased, from the several causes above related, the petitioners most humbly beg to shew the necessity for a strong and vigilant government, such as the powers conferred by the Municipal Corporation Act would furnish them with ; thereby enabling them to regulate and maintain the peace and quiet of their town, and to afford protection and security to the lives and property of all :

And further, that the petitioners, being also desirous of having a commission of the peace assigned to their town, for the convenient and speedy administration of justice, humbly beg to show that to subject them to the authority of justices of the peace to be assigned to a town (Sandwich) in the one case, seven miles distant, and in the other (Dover), twenty-one miles distant, would be a great grievance and inconvenience, putting them to much expence and trouble :

The petitioners, therefore, most humbly pray, that under the circumstances above stated, and from the increasing population and prosperity of the town of Ramsgate, We would be graciously pleased, by the advice of Our Privy Council, to grant them a charter of incorporation under the powers and provisions of the said recited Act :

Now, therefore, We, having taken the said petition into consideration, do hereby give notice, that Our Privy Council will take the same into consideration on the twenty-eighth day of February next ensuing the date hereof.

Given at our Court at Brighton, this twenty-eighth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, and in the seventh year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION.

WILLIAM R.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the sixth year of Our reign, intituled " An Act to provide for the regulation of municipal corporations in

" England and Wales," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that if the inhabitant householders of any town or borough in England and Wales shall petition Us to grant to them a charter of incorporation, it shall be lawful for Us, by any such charter (if We shall think fit by advice of Our Privy Council to grant the same) to extend to the inhabitants of any such town or borough within the district to be set forth in such charter the powers and provisions in the said Act contained ; provided, nevertheless, that notice of every such petition, and of the time when it shall please Us to order the same to be taken into consideration by Our Privy Council, shall be published, by Royal Proclamation in the London Gazette, one month at least before such petition shall be so considered :

And whereas the inhabitant householders of the town of Devonport, and parish of Stoke Damerel, in the county of Devon, have presented a petition to Us, setting forth therein, amongst other things, that the town of Devonport, and parish of Stoke Damerel, is not a town corporate ; but the petitioners submit, that it is expedient that the said town of Devonport, and parish of Stoke Damerel, should be incorporated ; the petitioners, therefore, most humbly pray, that We will be pleased, under the provisions of the said recited Act, to grant to the inhabitants of the said town of Devonport, and parish of Stoke Damerel, a separate charter of incorporation ; and that We will also be pleased, by such charter, to extend to the said inhabitants within such district, as shall or may be set forth in Our Royal Charter, the several powers and provisions in the said Act contained :

Now, therefore, We, having taken the said petition into consideration, do hereby give notice, that Our Privy Council will take the same into consideration on the twenty-eighth day of February next ensuing the date hereof.

Given at Our Court, at Brighton, this twenty-eighth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and in the seventh year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION.

WILLIAM R.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the sixth year of Our reign, intituled " An Act to provide