

"To Church Ward—Councillor; James Dymore Brown.

"To Victoria Ward—Councillors; John Messer and Arthur Hill.

"To Redlands Ward—Councillor; George William Palmer.

"And I do hereby determine as a provision necessary in consequence of the extension of the borough and of the alterations of wards and of the number of councillors, that on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, being the ordinary day of elections of councillors in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, there shall be elected, in addition to the councillors to be elected in place of those whose term of office expires on that day, councillors for the undermentioned seven wards, as follows:—

"For West Ward—Two councillors.

"For Castle Ward—One councillor.

"For Katesgrove Ward—One councillor.

"For Church Ward—Two councillors.

"For Victoria Ward—One councillor.

"For Redlands Ward—Two councillors.

"For East Ward—Three councillors.

"And I do hereby declare that the councillors to be elected for the said seven wards on the said first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, including the councillors to be elected in place of those who go out of office on that day, shall respectively retire, or go out of office, as follows, that is to say:—

"As respects West Ward, Victoria Ward, and Redlands Ward, the councillor who shall be elected by the smaller number of votes shall go out of office on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and the councillor who shall be elected by the larger number of votes shall go out of office on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

"As respects Castle Ward, Katesgrove Ward, and Church Ward, the councillor who shall be elected by the smaller number of votes shall go out of office on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, and the councillor who shall be elected by the larger number of votes shall go out of office on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

"As respects East Ward, the councillor who shall be elected by the smallest number of votes shall go out of office on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, the councillor who shall be elected by the next smallest number of votes shall go out of office on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and the councillor who shall be elected by the largest number of votes shall go out of office on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

"And I do hereby declare that if at any election of councillors for any of the said seven wards to be held on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, there shall not be a contest, or if in the event of there being a contest the number of votes given for any of the councillors elected shall be equal, the order in which the councillors shall go out of office in any such case shall be determined by the Council of the borough.

"And I do hereby determine that the undermentioned persons, viz.:—Charles James Andrews, John Wells Hounslow, and William Silver Darter, being the three aldermen assigned

by the Council on the ninth of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, to act as returning officers, shall act as returning officers respectively for the following new wards, viz.:—

"For Abbey Ward—Charles James Andrews.

"For Castle Ward—John Wells Hounslow.

"For Church Ward—William Silver Darter.

"And I also declare that the undermentioned aldermen of the borough, namely:—Alexander Beale, Henry Bilson Blandy and George William Colebrook shall act as returning officers respectively for the following new wards, viz.:—

"For Victoria Ward—Alexander Beale.

"For Redlands Ward—Henry Bilson Blandy.

"For Katesgrove Ward—George William Colebrook.

"And as a provision necessary in consequence of the extension of the borough and of the alteration of wards and of the number of councillors and aldermen, I do hereby declare that at the elections on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, the returning officer for each of the four remaining new wards, viz., Battle Ward, West Ward, Minster Ward, and East Ward shall be the mayor of the borough, or a person to be by him appointed.

"And as a further provision necessary in consequence of the extension of the borough and of the alterations of the numbers of councillors and aldermen, I do hereby declare that on the ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, the Council of the borough immediately after the election of the mayor shall elect in the manner provided by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, four fit persons to be aldermen of the said borough as extended by the Reading Corporation Act, 1887.

"And I do hereby declare that two of the aldermen to be so elected shall go out of office on the ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, together with the three existing aldermen who go out of office on that day by rotation, and that the other two aldermen to be so elected shall go out of office on the ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, together with the three existing aldermen who go out of office on that day by rotation.

"And I do hereby declare that of the four aldermen so to be elected as aforesaid the two who shall receive the smaller number of votes shall go out of office on the ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

"And I do hereby declare that if the said four aldermen shall be elected by an equal number of votes the Council of the borough shall determine which two of the said four aldermen shall go out of office on the ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and that if for any other reason in consequence of an equality of the number of votes given for the said four aldermen, or for any three or two of them, any doubt shall arise as to any alderman who shall go out of office on the ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, any such doubt shall be determined by the Council of the borough.

"Dated this thirteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

"(Signed) *Alfred Chichele Plowden.*"

Now, therefore, Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth hereby approve of the said determination of the said Commissioner of the Boundaries of the said Wards, and of the said apportionment by him of aldermen,