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An Act to annex the County of the City of *Coventry* to *Warwickshire*, and to define the Boundary of the City of *Coventry*. [12th *August* 1842.]

WHEREAS certain Parishes and Places heretofore Part of the County of the City of *Coventry* are now detached from the said County, and form Part of the County of *Warwick*: And whereas by reason of the Doubts which now prevail respecting the Boundary of the said City and County the Administration of Justice is greatly impeded, and it is expedient that the whole of the City and County of the said City should be within and form Part of the County of *Warwick*, and that the Boundary of the said City should be better defined; be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Charter or Letters Patent granted by King *Henry* the Sixth to the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City or Town of *Coventry*, bearing Date at *Westminster* the Twenty-sixth Day of *November* in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Sixth, for separating the County of the City of *Coventry* from the County of *Warwick*, shall be taken to be annulled and of none Effect after the Ninth Day of *November* in the Year One thousand

County of
the City of
Coventry re-
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eight hundred and forty-two, and that the City and County of the City of *Coventry* shall thenceforth be taken to be in all respects Part of the County of *Warwick*, and within the Hundred of *Knightlow*, and until the said Ninth Day of *November* the County of the City of *Coventry* shall be conterminous with the City of *Coventry* as herein-after described: Provided always, that, if Her Majesty shall be so pleased, a separate Commission of the Peace shall continue to be granted to the City of *Coventry*, and that the Persons named in such Commission shall have exclusive Jurisdiction within the said City as herein-after bounded and described, except for the Purposes herein-after mentioned, and that so long as any such separate Commission shall be in force the Justices of the County of *Warwick* shall not have Jurisdiction within the said City, except for the Purposes of making and levying and enforcing Payment of the County Rates, for the Committal, Trial, and Judgment of Prisoners, and other Business connected with holding the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace as herein-after mentioned, and for the Management of the Gaol: Provided also, that no Part of the Hundred of *Knightlow*, except the City of *Coventry*, shall be liable to the Payment of any Sum of Money or Expences for any Damages which shall be incurred in consequence of any Riot within the said City, and that the said City shall not be liable to the Payment of any Sum of Money or Expences for any Damages which shall be incurred in consequence of any Riot within the Hundred of *Knightlow* beyond the Boundaries of the said City; and whenever any Damages shall be assessed upon the said City, occasioned by any Riot therein, it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said City, by their Council, to make a special Borough Rate for the Purpose of enabling them to defray such Damages.

Coventry
Gaol to be-
come a
County Gaol
for Warwick-
shire.

II. And be it enacted, That from and after the said Ninth Day of *November* the Gaol and House of Correction belonging to the City of *Coventry* shall become and be a Common Gaol and House of Correction for the County of *Warwick*, and shall be under the Control and Management of the Justices of the County of *Warwick*, and all Laws and Enactments in force with respect to a County Gaol and House of Correction respectively shall be in force with respect to the said Gaol and House of Correction; and all Persons who shall be imprisoned in such Gaol on the said Ninth Day of *November*, or who shall be committed thereto after the said Ninth Day of *November*, shall be there in the Custody of the Sheriff of the County of *Warwick*, and the Sheriff shall appoint and may remove the Keeper of such Gaol.

For securing
Payment of
the Debt on
the Gaol.

III. And be it enacted, That so much of the Monies borrowed upon the Credit of the Rates of the County of the City of *Coventry*, for building the said Gaol and House of Correction, as shall remain due and unsatisfied at the Time of the passing of this Act, and the Interest accruing due thereon, shall become and be a Charge upon the Borough Rates of the City of *Coventry*, and all Securities given for securing such Monies upon the Credit of the Rates of the County of the City of *Coventry* shall stand good to secure Payment of the same Monies upon the Credit of the said Borough Rates; and that it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said City,
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by their Council, if the said Council shall think fit, to borrow, on Mortgage of the Borough Rates, such Sum of Money as shall be needed for Payment of the Residue of the Debt aforesaid, in like Manner as if such Sum were borrowed for building a Gaol; and all the Provisions of any Act in force with respect to Monies borrowed for building a Gaol shall apply to the Monies borrowed for the Purpose of paying off the Residue of the said Debt, so that Repayment of the whole of the Sum borrowed as last aforesaid shall be made within Thirty Years from the Time of borrowing the same.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Treasurer of the County of *Warwick* shall pay to the Treasurer of the City of *Coventry*, out of any Monies in his Hands as such Treasurer, such Sum as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, within Six Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, or such further Time to which the said Commissioners from Time to Time shall extend the Time for making their Award, shall determine to be the fair Value of the said Gaol and House of Correction, and of the Court House and other Buildings connected therewith; and Payment of such Sum shall be made at such Times and in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall direct, and the said Sum, when paid, shall form Part of the Borough Fund.

Payment to
the Corpora-
tion.

V. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to affect the Liability of the Parishes of *Foleshill, Exhall, Ansty, Stoke, Stivichall, Wyken*, and *Sowe*, and the Hamlet of *Keresley*, or any of them, to the Payment of their Proportion of any Money paid by Order of the Council of the City of *Coventry* in discharge of the Principal or Interest of the Debt incurred for building the Gaol of *Coventry* to which the said Parishes and Hamlet have not contributed, and that the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall ascertain and determine the Amounts due on that Account by the said Parishes and Hamlet respectively, and shall direct at what Times and in what Manner the same shall be paid, and their Determination shall be final and conclusive on all Parties.

For settling
the Gaol
Debt.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of *Coventry*, by their Council, to borrow any Sum of Money not exceeding the Sum of Five thousand Pounds Sterling towards defraying the Expences which have been incurred by them in litigating the Boundary of the City of *Coventry* before the passing of this Act, and to charge the Repayment thereof, with Interest, upon the Borough Fund, so that the whole of the Sum borrowed under this Act, and the Interest accruing due from Time to Time, shall be repaid within Twenty Years from the Time of borrowing the same, and also from Time to Time to make and levy special Borough Rates for the Purpose of repaying the Principal and Interest of the Money so borrowed within the Time herein specified.

Power to
borrow
Money.

VII. And be it enacted, That after the said Ninth Day of *November* the Justices of the County of *Warwick* shall hold a Quarterly Session of the Peace at *Coventry*, by Adjournment from *Warwick*, for the City of *Coventry*, and such other Part of the County of *Warwick*

Adjourned
Quarter Ses-
sions to be
holden at
Coventry.

Warwick as the Justices of *Warwickshire* from Time to Time in General or Quarter Session assembled shall order; and as soon as the said Sessions can be conveniently holden after the Business of the Sessions at *Warwick* shall have been concluded, and after the said Ninth Day of *November*, no separate Court of Sessions of the Peace shall be holden for the City of *Coventry*: Provided always, that the Inhabitants of the said City shall not be liable to be summoned or to serve on any Inquest or Jury for the County of *Warwick* elsewhere than within the City of *Coventry*.

Compensation to Officers of the Coventry Court of Sessions of the Peace.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the Coroner and Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Warwick*, and all other Officers belonging to the Court of Sessions of the Peace for the said County, for the Time being, shall, out of the Fees and Dues to be by them respectively received in virtue of their several Offices at *Coventry*, pay over, within Ten Days next after each Session of the Peace holden at *Coventry* as aforesaid, to the several Persons now holding the same Offices belonging to the County of the City of *Coventry*, during their Lives, One Half of the Fees and Dues by them respectively received, except Mileage in the Case of the Coroner, by reason of their several Offices, for any thing arising within the City of *Coventry* as hereinafter bounded and described.

Assizes to be holden at Coventry and at Warwick.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Judges of Assize and Nisi Prius, and others named in Her Majesty's Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, shall hold their Sittings at Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, within the said City of *Coventry*, for the said City and for such other Parts of the said County of *Warwick* as Her Majesty, with the Advice of Her Privy Council, from Time to Time shall order, and at *Warwick* for so much of the rest of the said County as shall not be included in any such Order; and that the Sheriff of the County of *Warwick* shall give his Attendance upon the said Judges and Commissioners, and shall cause to be summoned to *Warwick* and *Coventry* such Grand and Petty Jurors of the County of *Warwick* as shall be needed for the Execution of the said several Commissions; and that all Proceedings and Orders necessary for the Execution of the said several Commissions at *Warwick* and *Coventry* respectively shall be of the same Force as if the same had been had and taken under the several like Commissions heretofore issued for the County of *Warwick*; provided that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of *Coventry* shall allow the Use of *Saint Mary's Hall* within the said City for holding any of the said Sittings therein, when and so often as the same shall be needed by the said Judges and Commissioners.

Abolition of Sheriff and Recorder: Mayor, the Returning Officer.

X. And be it enacted, That after the said Ninth Day of *November* there shall be no Sheriff and no Recorder in the City of *Coventry*; and that the Mayor of *Coventry* for the Time being shall be the Returning Officer for the Election of Members to serve in Parliament for the said City.

Boundary of the City of Coventry.

XI. And be it enacted, That after the passing of this Act the City of *Coventry* shall be taken to include all the District which is included within the Boundary thereof set forth in the Schedule annexed to

to this Act, and no more, which Boundary shall be with all convenient Speed marked out by Boundary Stones, to be set up under the Direction of the Council of the said City, and shall be divided into Five Wards, in the Manner set forth in the same Schedule; and that in construing the Descriptions of the several Boundaries of the said City and Wards as contained in the said Schedule the same Rules of Construction shall be observed which are enacted with respect to the Construction of the several Descriptions of Boundaries contained in a Schedule marked (O.) annexed to an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act to settle and describe the Divisions of Counties and the Limits of Cities and Boroughs in England and Wales, in so far as respects the Election of Members to serve in Parliament*: Provided also, that if by the Award of a Barrister of not less than Seven Years standing, appointed for that Purpose by One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, such Award to be made within Twelve Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, or any longer Time to which such Barrister by any Writing under his Hand shall extend the Time for making his Award, that Part of *Cheylesmore Park* which is included within the said Boundary shall be adjudged not to have been before the passing of this Act Part of the City of *Coventry*, within the Meaning of an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act to make temporary Provision for the Boundaries of certain Boroughs*, then from the Date of such Award the same shall cease to be within the said City.

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XII. And be it enacted, That hereafter there shall be Ten Aldermen and Thirty Councillors for the City of *Coventry*, being Six Councillors for each of the said Five Wards: Provided always, that the present Aldermen and Councillors of the said City shall continue to hold their Offices until the several Times when they would have gone out of Office if this Act had not been passed, and shall not be disqualified for being or acting as such Aldermen or Councillors respectively by reason that the Whole or any Part of the Ward for which any of the said Councillors was elected is not or after the passing of this Act will not be within the said City, or by reason that the said Aldermen and Councillors are now registered Burgesses only in respect of their Occupation of Property which is not or which after the passing of this Act will not be within the said City, or by reason that they shall cease to be on the Register of Burgesses for the said City.

Number of
Council:
Proviso for
present
Council.

XIII. And be it enacted, That no Councillors shall be elected to supply any Vacancies among the Councillors of North Ward; and that at the yearly Elections of Councillors for each Ward of the said City Two Councillors shall be elected for that Ward instead of One; and that at the triennial Elections of Aldermen for the said City Five Aldermen shall be elected instead of Six; and that the Councillors now elected for *Cross Cheaping* Ward shall be deemed to have been elected for *Whitefriars* Ward; and that the Councillors now elected for any other Ward (except North Ward) shall be deemed to have been elected for the Ward of the same Name in the Schedule annexed to this Act.

Providing
for Succes-
sion of Al-
dermen and
Councillors.

Indemnity.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses and Sheriff of the City and County of the City of *Coventry*, and also the several Persons who were or acted as Members of the Council or as Justices or Recorder of the said City and County, or as Directors of the Poor of the United Parishes of *Saint Michael* and *Trinity*, and also all Persons acting under the Authority of them or any of them, shall be jointly and severally indemnified, freed, and discharged from and against all Actions, Suits, Prosecutions, and Penalties whatsoever for any thing done or ordered by them or any of them, or by any Person acting under the Authority of them or any of them, before the passing of this Act, except as herein-after provided; provided that such Things shall have been done or ordered in good Faith, in the Exercise of the Administration of the Government of the said City and County, or of the Administration of Justice, or of the Administration of the Funds collected for the Relief of the Poor, and that such Things were liable to be impeached only on account of the Want of Jurisdiction of the said Corporation, Sheriff, Council, Justices, or Recorder respectively beyond the Limits of the said City and County; and all such Things, including all Borough Rates assessed within the said united Parishes before the passing of this Act, if not liable to be impeached for any other Reason, shall be holden good in the Law to all Intents and Purposes: Provided always, that this Enactment shall not be construed to render valid any County Rate or Borough Rate made, assessed, or levied before the passing of this Act, and since the passing of the said Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, so far as regards any of the Parishes of *Foleshill*, *Exhall*, *Ansty*, *Stoke*, *Stivichall*, *Wyken*, and *Sowe*, or the Hamlet of *Keresley*, or to discharge the said Corporation, or any Member thereof, or any Person or Persons, from their Liability to repay any such Rate, or any Costs, Damages, or Expences which now are or shall become due from them or any of them in respect of the same, or in respect of certain Actions now or lately pending in Her Majesty's Court of Exchequer, relating to the said Rates, or to the Boundary of the said City and County, or either of them, or in which the Boundary of the City and County, or either of them, was in question.

Not to affect the Parliamentary Boundary or the Vicars Acts.

19 G. 3. c. 57.

19 G. 3. c. 60.

XV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall affect the Boundary of the City of *Coventry* and the Suburbs thereof, so far as relates to returning Members to serve in Parliament, or so far as relates to Two several Acts passed, among other Things, for better providing for the Maintenance for the Vicar of the Parish of the *Trinity* in the said City, and for establishing certain Payments to the Vicar of the Parish of *Saint Michael* in the said City, instead of Tithes.

Manorial Rights not to be affected.

XVI. And be it declared and enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to take away or affect any manorial Rights, Privileges, or Franchises to the Manor of *Cheylesmore* in anywise appertaining.

Act may be amended this Session.

XVII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

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SCHEDULE.

BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF COVENTRY.

From the Point at which the Boundary of Trinity Parish crosses the Road from Coventry to Leicester, Eastward and Southward along the Boundary of the said Parish to the Point at which it meets the Boundary of the Parish of Saint Michael near the Road from Coventry to Lutterworth; thence in a straight Line to the Point at which the Northern Fence of the Land belonging to the London and Birmingham Railway Company meets the Western Bank of the River Sherbourn; thence Westward along the said Fence to the Point at which the same crosses Elsdon Lane; thence Northward along Elsdon Lane to the Point at which the same meets the Southern Boundary of Hearsall Common; thence in a straight Line drawn due North to the Point at which such straight Line cuts the River Sherbourn; thence in a straight Line to the Point at which the Lane which leads from the Radford Road to Saint Nicholas Lane leaves the Radford Road; thence along the said Lane to the Point at which the same meets Saint Nicholas Lane; thence in a straight Line drawn due East to the Point at which such straight Line cuts the Canal; thence Northward along the Canal to the next Bridge, being the Second Bridge across the said Canal; thence Eastward along the Road leading from the said Bridge to the Road from Coventry to Leicester; thence along the said Road to the Point first described.

No. 1.—SPON STREET WARD.

From the Point at which the old Road from Coventry to Birmingham crosses the Boundary of the City, Eastward along the said old Road to Birmingham to the Point at which the same meets Spon End; thence along Spon End to the Point at which the same meets Spon Street; thence along Spon Street to the Point at which the same meets Fleet Street; thence along Fleet Street to the Point at which the same meets Ram Bridge; thence along Ram Bridge to the Point at which the same meets Smithford Street; thence along Smithford Street to the Point at which the same meets Broadgate; thence along Broadgate to the Point at which the same meets Cross Cheaping; thence along Cross Cheaping to the Point at which the same meets the Burgess; thence along the Burgess to the Point at which the same meets Saint John's Bridge; thence along Saint John's Bridge to the Point at which the same meets Wells Street; thence along Wells Street to the Point at which the same meets Abbot's Lane;

Lane; thence along Abbot's Lane to the Point at which the same meets the Brook running from Radford; thence Northward along the said Brook to the Point at which the same crosses the Boundary of the City; thence Southward along the Boundary of the City to the Point first described.

No. 2.—BISHOP STREET WARD.

From the Point at which the Brook running from Radford crosses the Boundary of the City, Southward along the said Brook to the Point at which the same meets Abbot's Lane; thence along Abbot's Lane to the Point at which the same meets Wells Street; thence along Wells Street to the Point at which the same meets Saint John's Bridge; thence along Saint John's Bridge to the Point at which the same meets the Burgess; thence along the Burgess to the Point at which the same meets Cross Cheaping; thence along Cross Cheaping to the Point at which the same meets Broadgate; thence along Broadgate to the Point at which the same meets High Street; thence along High Street to the Point at which the same meets Hay Lane; thence along Hay Lane to the Point at which the same meets Trinity Lane; thence along Trinity Lane to the Point at which the same meets Priory Row; thence along Priory Row to the Point at which the same meets Hill Top; thence along Hill Top to the Point at which the same meets Priory Lane; thence along Priory Lane to the Point at which the same meets Mill Lane; thence along Mill Lane to the Mill-dam; thence along the Lane leading from the Mill-dam, through Chantrey Place to Cook Street, to the Point at which the said Lane meets Cook Street; thence Eastward along Cook Street to the Point at which the same meets Swanswell Pool Lane; thence along Swanswell Pool Lane to the Point at which the same meets Primrose Hill Street; thence along Primrose Hill Street to the Point at which the same meets Primrose Hill Terrace; thence along Primrose Hill Terrace to the Point at which the same meets Primrose Hill Place; thence along Primrose Hill Place, and along a Foot Road (leading from Primrose Hill Place to Payne's Lane), to the Point at which such Foot Road meets Payne's Lane; thence along Payne's Lane, and along a Footpath (leading from Payne's Lane to Geoffrey Wood's Cross), to the Point at which such Footpath meets the Boundary of the City; thence Northward along the Boundary of the City to the Point first described.

No. 3.—GOSFORD STREET WARD.

From the Point at which the Footpath (leading from Payne's Lane to Geoffrey Wood's Cross) meets the Boundary of the City, Southward along the same Footpath to the Point at which the same meets Payne's Lane; thence along Payne's Lane, and along a Foot Road (leading from Payne's Lane to Primrose Hill Place), to the Point at which such Foot Road meets Primrose Hill Place; thence along Primrose Hill Place to the Point at which the same meets Primrose Hill Terrace;

Terrace; thence along Primrose Hill Terrace to the Point at which the same meets Primrose Hill Street; thence along Primrose Hill Street to the Point at which the same meets Swanswell Pool Lane; thence along Swanswell Pool Lane to the Point at which the same meets Cook Street; thence along Cook Street to the Point at which the same meets a Lane (leading through Chauntrey Place to the Mill-dam) to the Point at which the same meets the Mill-dam; thence along Mill Lane to the Point at which the same meets Priory Lane; thence Eastward along Priory Lane to the Point at which the same meets Hill Top; thence along Hill Top to the Point at which the same meets Priory Row; thence along Priory Row to the Point at which the same meets Trinity Lane; thence along Trinity Lane to the Point at which the same meets Hay Lane; thence along Hay Lane to the Point at which the same meets Earl Street; thence along Earl Street to the Point at which the same meets Jordan Well; thence along Jordan Well to the Point at which the same meets Gosford Street; thence along Gosford Street to the Point at which the same meets the Boundary of the respective Parishes of Holy Trinity and Saint Michael; thence Eastward along the Boundary of the respective Parishes of Holy Trinity and Saint Michael to the Point at which the same meets the Boundary of the City; thence Northward along the Boundary of the City to the Point first described.

No. 4.—EARL STREET WARD.

From the Point at which the old Road from Coventry to Birmingham crosses the Boundary of the City, Eastward along the said Road to Birmingham to the Point at which the same meets Spon End; thence along Spon End to the Point at which the same meets Spon Street; thence along Spon Street to the Point at which the same meets Fleet Street; thence along Fleet Street to the Point at which the same meets Ram Bridge; thence along Ram Bridge to the Point at which the same meets Smithford Street; thence along Smithford Street to the Point at which the same meets High Street; thence along High Street to the Point at which the same meets Little Park Street; thence along Little Park Street to the Southern End thereof; thence in a straight Line drawn due South to the Boundary of the City; thence Westward along the Boundary of the City to the Point first described.

No. 5.—WHITEFRIARS WARD.

From the Point at which the Boundary between the respective Parishes of Saint Michael and Holy Trinity meets the Eastern Boundary of the City, Westward along the Boundary between the respective Parishes of Saint Michael and Holy Trinity to the Point at which the same meets Gosford Street; thence Westward along Gosford Street to the Point at which the same meets Jordan Well;

thence along Jordan Well to the Point at which the same meets Earl Street; thence along Earl Street to the Point at which the same meets Little Park Street; thence along Little Park Street to the Southern End thereof; thence in a straight Line due South to the Boundary of the City.

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