

By the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council of
Ireland.

A PROCLAMATION.

CARLISLE.

WHEREAS by a Proclamation of the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council of Ireland, bearing date the 8th day of July in the year 1854, made in pursuance of the provisions contained in the Acts of Parliament therein set forth and mentioned, it was appointed and directed that the County of Antrim should be divided into Two Districts or Divisions following, for the administration of the Criminal and Civil Business, and doing all other Business that might by Law be done at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and for Hearing and Determining Causes by Civil Bills, and for all other purposes whatsoever, that is to say:—One of said Divisions to be called the District or Division of Belfast, and to consist of the Baronies of Upper Antrim, Upper Belfast and Lower Belfast, Upper Toome, Upper Massereene and Lower Massereene, and the Town and Liberties of Carrickfergus; and the Towns of Belfast, Antrim, and Carrickfergus were the Towns appointed for holding Sessions in and for said District or Division, and it was appointed that Sessions should be holden therein respectively, as follows, that is to say:—Four General Sessions of the Peace in each and every year in the said Town of *Belfast*, and Four General Sessions of the Peace in each and every year in the said Town of *Antrim*, and Two

General Sessions of the Peace in each and every year in the said Town of *Carrickfergus*; and the other of said Divisions, to be called the District or Division of Ballymena, was appointed to consist of the Baronies of Carey, Upper Dunluce and Lower Dunluce, Upper Glenarm and Lower Glenarm, Kileonway, Lower Antrim, and Lower Toome; and the Towns of Ballymena and Ballymoney were the Towns appointed for holding Sessions in and for the said last-mentioned District or Division, and it was directed that Sessions should be holden therein respectively, as follows, that is to say:—Four General Sessions of the Peace in each and every year in the said Town of Ballymena, and Two General Sessions of the Peace in each and every year in the said Town of Ballymoney.

And whereas by an Act made and passed in a Session of Parliament, holden in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled, “An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Civil Bills and the Courts of Quarter Sessions in Ireland, and to transfer to the Assistant Barristers certain jurisdiction as to Insolvent Debtors,” it is amongst other things enacted, that it should be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland, for the time being, from time to time, by and with the consent and advice of the Privy Council, to alter the Divisions or Districts for holding Sessions in any County or Riding, now existing, and to divide the several Counties, or any of them, into as many Divisions or Districts as should be thought proper for the purpose of more conveniently hearing and determining Causes by Civil Bill, and of transacting all such Criminal, or all such other Business as might be cognizable or determinable at any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and to appoint one or more convenient Town or Place, Towns or Places, in any such Division, for hearing and determining Causes by Civil Bill, and for hearing all such Criminal Business as aforesaid, and from time to time to alter any such Division or District, or to discontinue any Town or Place, as to the said Lord Lieutenant, with such advice as aforesaid, should seem fit.

And whereas a Memorial has been presented unto Us by the Grand Jury of the said County of Antrim, assembled at Spring Assizes, 1856, representing that as Belfast was now the County Town of the County of Antrim, it was unnecessary to continue to hold Quarter Sessions for any part of said County in the neighbouring Town of Carrickfergus, and praying that said Town should be discontinued as a Sessions Town for the said County of Antrim; and it appearing to Us that such request is reasonable and necessary:

Now We, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in pursuance of the powers vested in Us by the said recited Act, and by and with the consent and advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council in Ireland, do hereby Order and Direct, that henceforth the Town of Carrickfergus shall be *discontinued* as a Sessions Town for the said County of Antrim. And We further Order and Direct that in all other respects, save as aforesaid, the said Proclamation of the said Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council of the said 8th day of July, 1854, shall stand and be confirmed.

Given at the Council Chamber in Dublin,
the 2nd day of August, 1856.

Maziere Brady, C.

Fred. Shaw.

Richd. Moore. J. D. FitzGerald.

R. Keatinge.

F. Blackburne,