

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 4th day of *May*, 1911.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section 30 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, as amended by section 2 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1893, it is (amongst other things) provided that, if a majority of the whole council of a borough agree to petition, and the council thereupon petition the King for the alteration of the number and boundaries of its wards, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, from time to time, by Order in Council, to fix the number of wards into which the borough shall be divided, and that the borough shall be divided into that number of wards, and that where an Order in Council has been so made the Secretary of State shall appoint a Commissioner to prepare a scheme for determining the boundaries of the wards and apportioning the Councillors among them.

And whereas His Majesty was pleased, upon a petition in that behalf presented by the Council of the Borough of Bedford, by Order in Council dated the 19th day of July, 1910, to fix the number of wards into which the said borough should henceforth be divided, and to order and direct that the said number should be six.

And whereas the Right Honourable Winston Leonard Spencer-Churchill, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, did by warrant dated the 3rd day of November, 1910, appoint George Blaiklock, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be a Commissioner to prepare a scheme for determining the boundaries of the wards of the said borough and apportioning the Councillors among them.

And whereas the said Commissioner has, in pursuance of the said warrant of appointment, prepared the following scheme, dated the 13th day of January, 1911, accordingly:—

BOROUGH OF BEDFORD.

I, the said George Blaiklock, do hereby, in pursuance of the said warrant of appointment, determine the boundaries of the six Wards into which the Borough of Bedford shall be divided, which Wards are hereinafter named and numbered as follows, that is to say:—

No. 1.—ST. CUTHBERT'S WARD.

No. 2.—ST. MARY'S AND ST. JOHN'S WARD.

No. 3.—ST. PETER'S WARD

No. 4.—ST. PAUL'S NORTH WARD.

No. 5.—ST. PAUL'S WEST WARD.

No. 6.—ST. PAUL'S SOUTH WARD.

No. 1.—ST. CUTHBERT'S WARD.—I do hereby determine that the said St. Cuthbert's Ward comprise the Civil Parish of St. Cuthbert.

No. 2.—ST. MARY'S AND ST. JOHN'S WARD.—I do hereby determine that the said St. Mary's and St. John's Ward shall comprise the combined Civil Parishes of St. Mary and St. John, being all that part of the Borough of Bedford which is situate on the south side of the centre line of the River Ouse.

No. 3.—ST. PETER'S WARD.—I do hereby determine that the said St. Peter's Ward shall comprise the Civil Parish of St. Peter.

No. 4.—ST. PAUL'S NORTH WARD.—I do hereby determine that the said St. Paul's

North Ward shall comprise that part of the Civil Parish of St. Paul which lies to the north of a line commencing at the point where the western boundary of the Borough intersects the Midland Railway Company's main line, thence in a south-easterly direction along the middle of the said railway line from the intersection aforesaid to the middle of the bridge carrying Bromham Road over that railway, thence eastward along the middle of Bromham Road and Dame Alice Street to the eastern boundary of the parish.

No. 5.—ST. PAUL'S WEST WARD.—I do hereby determine that the said St. Paul's West Ward shall comprise the western part of the Civil Parish of St. Paul, being so much of the area of the parish as lies to the south-west of a line commencing where the Midland Railway Company's main line intersects the Borough boundary on the West side of the Borough, and proceeding thence in a south-easterly direction along the middle of the said railway line and continuing along the middle of the Hitchin branch of the said railway to the south-eastern boundary of the parish at the middle of the railway bridge crossing the River Ouse.

No. 6.—ST. PAUL'S SOUTH WARD.—I do hereby determine that the said St. Paul's South Ward shall comprise the remainder of the Civil Parish of St. Paul.

And I do hereby further determine that in the event of any uncertainty arising at any time between the map of the said Borough and the boundaries of the Wards thereof hereby determined, and the written description of the boundaries of the said Wards herein contained, that such written description shall prevail; and in the event of any uncertainty arising at any time between the written description of the boundaries of the said Wards herein contained and the known and ascertained parish boundaries at any point, that the parish boundaries shall prevail.

And I do hereby assign and apportion three Councillors to each and every of the six Wards hereby determined, as follows, that is to say:—

No. 1.—St. Cuthbert's Ward:—

William Newman.

Frederick Rich Hockliffe.

Walter Harrison Allport.

No. 2.—St. Mary's and St. John's Ward:—

George Bennett Lee-Roberts.

George Godfrey Potter.

James William Newton.

No. 3.—St. Peter's Ward:—

Joseph Miller.

John Basil Hope.

Harry Browning.

No. 4.—St. Paul's North Ward:—

Frederick Wood.

Henry Clissold Williams.

Dudley Cary-Elwes.

No. 5.—St. Paul's West Ward:—

John Walton Carter.

James William Seamark.

Charles Carter.

No. 6.—St. Paul's South Ward:—

Jabez Carter.

William Roff.

Thomas Lee-Roberts.

GEORGE BLAIKLOCK.

Now, therefore, His Majesty having taken the said scheme of the said Commissioner into consideration, doth, by and with the advice