

## BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND

*Report with respect to the areas comprised  
in the following constituencies :*

West Fife and Dunfermline Burghs ;  
West Renfrewshire and Greenock ; Midlothian and  
Edinburgh East, Edinburgh South,  
Edinburgh West and Edinburgh, Pentlands

*Presented pursuant to 12, 13 and 14 Geo. 6.c.66,s.2(5)*

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9th JANUARY, 1960.

To the Right Honourable JOHN SCOTT MACLAY, C.M.G., M.P.,  
*Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Scotland.*

Sir,

1. We, the Boundary Commission for Scotland, constituted in accordance with the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1949, as amended by the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1958, beg to submit this Report in terms of section 2(3) of the Act of 1949 with respect to the areas comprised in the following constituencies :

- (1) the county constituency of West Fife and the burgh constituency of Dunfermline Burghs ;
- (2) the county constituency of West Renfrewshire and the burgh constituency of Greenock ;
- (3) the county constituency of Midlothian and the burgh constituencies of Edinburgh East, Edinburgh South, Edinburgh West and Edinburgh, Pentlands.

2. Notice of our intention to consider making a report with respect to these areas was submitted to you on 23rd November, 1959, and was published in the Edinburgh Gazette on 1st December, 1959.

3. The recommendations herein proposed would effect slight adjustments of Parliamentary boundaries to conform to changes made in burgh boundaries, particulars of which are given in paragraph 5. The purpose of the changes proposed with respect to the areas listed at (1) and (2) of paragraph 1 is to bring the position in those areas into compliance with the provisions of rule 4(1) (b) of the Second Schedule to the Act of 1949, which rule requires that in Scotland, so far as is practicable, no burgh other than a county of a city shall be included partly in one constituency and partly in another.

The changes proposed with respect to the areas listed at (3) of paragraph 1 are intended to provide that the whole of the burgh of Musselburgh is within one constituency and that all parts of the county of the city of Edinburgh are included within the burgh constituencies into which Edinburgh is divided. It would seem that the principle indicated in rule 4(1) (b) requires that, so far as is practicable, no part of a county of a city shall be included in a constituency other than one of the burgh constituencies into which that city is divided. In paragraph 10 of the first periodical report published in 1954 (Cmd. 9312) the Boundary Commission (as then constituted) noted that they had made no recommendations regarding the two small extensions of the boundaries of Edinburgh effected by the Edinburgh Order Confirmation Act, 1954, since they were informed that those extensions were to be followed by a transfer to the county of Midlothian of a small area within the city boundaries. The Commission thought it desirable to await the completion of the adjustments between city and

county before making any recommendation regarding them. The expected transfer to Midlothian has not been made, however, and we understand that no further alteration in the boundaries of Edinburgh is likely in the near future. Accordingly we consider that the boundaries of the Parliamentary constituencies affected should now be adjusted to take account of the changes made in 1954 in the boundaries of the city of Edinburgh.

4. As required by the Act of 1949, we published our proposed recommendations in at least one newspaper circulating in each constituency affected by them and afforded facilities for those who wished to do so to submit to us representations relating to the proposals. No representations were received with regard to any of the proposals.

5. After careful consideration of all the information at our disposal we have decided to make the final recommendations set out below.

*The county constituency of West Fife and the burgh constituency  
of Dunfermline Burghs*

By Sheriff's deliverance dated 11th June, 1958, under section 131 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947, an area in the county constituency of West Fife was added, as from 16th May, 1958, to the burgh of Dunfermline, which is included in the burgh constituency of Dunfermline Burghs.

We recommend that the area so added to that burgh should be transferred to the burgh constituency of Dunfermline Burghs and that accordingly the areas respectively comprised in these two constituencies should be :

WEST FIFE

- (1) The burghs of Culross, Leslie and Markinch.
- (2) The districts of Dunfermline and Lochgelly.
- (3) The district of Wemyss so far as not included in the East Fife constituency.
- (4) The district of Kirkcaldy excluding the area transferred from the district of Wemyss to the district of Kirkcaldy with effect from 13th May, 1958, which area is still included in the East Fife constituency.

DUNFERMLINE BURGHS

The burghs of Dunfermline, Cowdenbeath, Inverkeithing and Lochgelly.

*The county constituency of West Renfrewshire and the burgh  
constituency of Greenock*

By section 6 of the Order scheduled to the Greenock Burgh Extension, etc., Order Confirmation Act, 1956, two areas in the county constituency of West Renfrewshire were added, as from 16th May, 1956, to the burgh of Greenock, which forms the burgh constituency of Greenock.

By Sheriff's deliverance dated 2nd June, 1958, under section 131 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947, an area in the county constituency of West Renfrewshire was added, as from 16th May, 1958, to the burgh of Greenock.

We recommend that the areas so added to the burgh should be transferred to the burgh constituency of Greenock and that accordingly the areas respectively comprised in these two constituencies should be :

## WEST RENFREWSHIRE

- (1) The burghs of Port Glasgow, Gourock and Johnstone.
- (2) The Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts of the county of Renfrew.

## GREENOCK

The burgh of Greenock.

*The county constituency of Midlothian and the burgh constituencies of Edinburgh East, Edinburgh South, Edinburgh West and Edinburgh, Pentlands*

By section 6 of the Order scheduled to the Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1954, two areas in the county constituency of Midlothian were added, as from 16th May, 1954, to the county of the city of Edinburgh, one area lying to the east and one to the west of the city. Edinburgh is divided into seven burgh constituencies of which four, namely Edinburgh East, Edinburgh South, Edinburgh West and Edinburgh, Pentlands, contain the wards of which, in accordance with section 9(1) of the said Order, the added areas now form part.

By Sheriff's deliverance dated 17th May, 1957, under section 131 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947, an area in the county constituency of Midlothian was added, as from 16th May, 1958, to the burgh of Musselburgh, which is included in the burgh constituency of Edinburgh East.

We recommend that the two areas added to the city of Edinburgh in 1954 and the area added to the burgh of Musselburgh in 1958 should be transferred from the county constituency of Midlothian to the appropriate burgh constituencies as follows :

- (1) the area which was added to the no. XXIII Craigmillar ward to be transferred to the burgh constituency of Edinburgh East ; and the area of the burghal extension of Musselburgh in 1958 to be transferred to the same burgh constituency of Edinburgh East ;
- (2) the area which was added to the no. V Liberton ward to be transferred to the burgh constituency of Edinburgh South ;
- (3) the area which was added to the no. XI Corstorphine ward to be transferred to the burgh constituency of Edinburgh West ;
- (4) the area which was added to the no. IX Sighthill ward to be transferred to the burgh constituency of Edinburgh, Pentlands.

Accordingly the areas respectively comprised in these five constituencies as recommended by us should be :

## MIDLOTHIAN

The county of Midlothian inclusive of all the burghs situated therein except the burgh of Musselburgh.

## EDINBURGH EAST

- (1) The burgh of Musselburgh
- (2) The Craigentenny, Craigmillar and Portobello wards of the city of Edinburgh.

## EDINBURGH SOUTH

The Liberton, Morningside and Newington wards.

EDINBURGH WEST

The Corstorphine, Murrayfield-Cramond and Pilton wards, and St. Bernard's ward except in so far as it is included in the constituency of Edinburgh North.

EDINBURGH, PENTLANDS

The Colinton, Merchiston and Sighthill wards, and the Gorgie-Dalry ward except in so far as it is included in the constituency of Edinburgh Central.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. W. GRAHAM GUEST,

*Deputy Chairman*

for the Boundary Commission for Scotland.



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