

BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND

REPORT

with respect to the areas comprised in the following constituencies: Aberdeen North, Aberdeen South, West Aberdeenshire and North Angus and Mearns; Central Fife and Kirkcaldy; Dundee West and South Angus; Coatbridge and Airdrie and North Lanarkshire; Edinburgh East and Midlothian; Stirling, Falkirk and Grangemouth and West Stirlingshire; Paisley and East Renfrewshire.

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BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND

*To the Rt. Hon. GORDON CAMPBELL M.C., M.P.,
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Scotland*

1. We, the Boundary Commission for Scotland, are constituted by the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Acts 1949 and 1958 "for the purpose of the continuous review of the distribution of seats at Parliamentary elections". We are required by these Acts to make periodical reports at intervals of not less than ten nor more than fifteen years from the date of our last report. In addition, by section 2(3) of the 1949 Act, we are empowered to make reports from time to time with respect to the area comprised in any particular constituency or constituencies.

2. Our last periodical report was made on 24th April 1969 and the next, therefore, is not due until 25th April 1979 at the earliest. The recommendations in our 1969 report were given effect to by the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1970 (Statutory Instrument 1970 No. 1680) but, under the proviso to Article 1 of that Order the altered constituencies do not affect any Parliamentary election until a proclamation is issued by Her Majesty summoning a new Parliament. This report is made under section 2(3) of the 1949 Act and recommends changes in the boundaries of the following Parliamentary constituencies in order that they may conform with changed local authority boundaries which have occurred since the Commission last reported in 1969:—

Aberdeen North Burgh Constituency	Coatbridge and Airdrie Burgh
Aberdeen South Burgh Constituency	Constituency
West Aberdeenshire County	North Lanarkshire County
Constituency	Constituency
North Angus and Mearns County	Edinburgh East Burgh Constituency
Constituency	Midlothian County Constituency
Central Fife County Constituency	Stirling, Falkirk and Grangemouth
Kirkcaldy County Constituency	Burgh Constituency
Dundee West Burgh Constituency	West Stirlingshire County Constituency
South Angus County Constituency	Paisley Burgh Constituency
	East Renfrewshire County
	Constituency

In so far as our recommendations cover areas which are affected by the Parliamentary Constituencies Order of 1970, the references to constituencies are to the constituencies described in Part II of the Schedule to that Order.

3. All the constituencies mentioned have been affected by burgh boundary extensions which have taken place since we last reported in 1969 and, except in the case of the proposals relating to Aberdeen and Dundee cities our recommendations are designed to give effect to rule 4(1)(b) of Schedule 2 to the Act of 1949 which requires that no burgh, other than a county of a city shall be included partly in one constituency and partly in another. As regards the proposals affecting Aberdeen and Dundee, which are both divided into two constituencies, we consider that it is in consonance with rule 4(1)(b) that the areas of cities

should be wholly contained in the burgh constituencies into which they are divided. This is the position which has normally obtained but, in the case of Aberdeen and Dundee, recent boundary extensions have resulted in small areas of the cities being included in adjoining county constituencies. Our recommendations are intended to restore the normal position in the case of these cities. Sketch-maps illustrating the recommended changes are contained in Appendix A.

4. Notice of our intention to consider making a report with respect to those areas was submitted to you on 27th October 1972 and was published in the Edinburgh Gazette on 7th November. 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 representations to us relating to the proposals. No representations were received with regard to any of the proposals.

5. After careful consideration of all the information available to us, we recommend as follows:—

The county constituencies of West Aberdeenshire and North Angus and Mearns and the burgh constituencies of Aberdeen North and Aberdeen South

By section 4 of the Order scheduled to the Aberdeen Extension Order Confirmation Act 1970, two areas were added to the county of the city of Aberdeen, with effect from 28th May 1970, one from that part of the county of Aberdeenshire contained in the West Aberdeenshire county constituency and the other from the county of Kincardine contained in the North Angus and Mearns county constituency. By section 8(1) of the Order of 1970 the added area from Aberdeenshire was apportioned for municipal purposes to the Northfield, Mastrick and Rosemount Wards and by section 8(2) the added area from Kincardine was apportioned to the Ferryhill and Torry Wards. Before the enactment of the Order of 1970, the Northfield and Mastrick Wards as a whole were contained in the Aberdeen North constituency and the Rosemount, Ferryhill and Torry Wards as a whole were contained in the Aberdeen South constituency.

We recommend that the areas added to the county of the city of Aberdeen by the 1970 Order should be dealt with as follows:—

- a. the areas from Aberdeenshire added to the Northfield and Mastrick Wards should be transferred from the West Aberdeenshire county constituency to the Aberdeen North burgh constituency; and
- b. the area from Aberdeenshire added to the Rosemount Ward and the areas from Kincardine added to the Ferryhill and Torry Wards should be transferred from the West Aberdeenshire and North Angus and Mearns county constituencies respectively to the Aberdeen South burgh constituency.

The areas comprised in the four constituencies affected would then be as set out in Appendix B. The effect of the proposals on the 1972 electorates of the constituencies would be: Aberdeen North increased by 3 to 65,539; Aberdeen South increased by 345 to 69,293; West Aberdeenshire decreased by 24 to 53,413; and North Angus and Mearns decreased by 324 to 37,140.

The County constituencies of Central Fife and Kirkcaldy

By Sheriff's Deliverance under section 131 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947 dated 22nd March 1971 an area from the county of Fife was added with effect from 16th May 1971 to the burgh of Buckhaven and Methil. The added area was substantially in the Kirkcaldy county constituency of which the burgh of Buckhaven and Methil forms part but it included also a small strip of land from the Central Fife county constituency. We recommend that this area should be transferred from the Central Fife county constituency to the Kirkcaldy county constituency in order that the whole of the burgh of Buckhaven and Methil will be within the latter constituency.

The areas comprised in the two constituencies concerned would be as set out in Appendix B. There would be no effect on the electorates of these constituencies.

The county constituency of South Angus and the burgh constituency of Dundee West

By section 4 of the Order scheduled to the Dundee Extension Order Confirmation Act 1972 an area from that part of the county of Angus contained in the South Angus county constituency was added to the county of the city of Dundee with effect from 16th May 1972. Under section 8(1) of the 1972 Order the added area from Angus was apportioned for municipal purposes to the Second (Riverside), Eighth (Camperdown) and Ninth (Balgay) Wards. Before the enactment of the 1972 Order the Second, Eighth and Ninth Wards as a whole were contained in the Dundee West constituency.

We recommend that the area from the county of Angus added to the county of the city of Dundee by the Order of 1972 should be transferred from the South Angus county constituency to the Dundee West burgh constituency. The areas comprised in the constituencies concerned would be as set out in Appendix B. The change would increase the 1972 electorate of the Dundee West constituency by 65 to 66,261 and would reduce that of the South Angus constituency by the same number to 51,416.

The county constituency of North Lanarkshire and the burgh constituency of Coatbridge and Airdrie

By Sheriff's Deliverance dated 12th June 1969 under section 131 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947 an area from that part of the county of Lanark contained in the North Lanarkshire county constituency was added to the burgh of Coatbridge with effect from 16th May 1969. We recommend that this area should be transferred from the North Lanarkshire county constituency to the Coatbridge and Airdrie burgh constituency in order that the whole of the burgh of Coatbridge will be in the latter constituency.

The areas comprised in the constituencies affected would then be as set out in Appendix B. The change would increase the 1972 electorate of the Coatbridge and Airdrie constituency by 41 to 60,187 and decrease that of the North Lanarkshire constituency by the same number to 53,097.

The county constituency of Midlothian and the burgh constituency of Edinburgh East

By Sheriff's Deliverance under section 131 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947 dated 5th June 1969 an area from Midlothian which, except for the burgh of Musselburgh, forms the Midlothian county constituency was added to the burgh of Musselburgh with effect from 16th May 1969. We recommend that this area should be transferred from the Midlothian county constituency to the Edinburgh East burgh constituency in order that the whole of the burgh of Musselburgh will be contained in the latter constituency.

The areas comprised in the constituencies affected would be as set out in Appendix B. The change would increase the 1972 electorate of the Edinburgh East constituency by 87 to 58,159 and would reduce that of the Midlothian constituency by the same number to 85,407.

The county constituency of West Stirlingshire and the burgh constituency of Stirling, Falkirk and Grangemouth

By Sheriff's Deliverance under section 131 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947 dated 13th January 1972 an area from that part of the county of Stirlingshire contained in the West Stirlingshire county constituency was added to the burgh of Stirling with effect from 16th May 1972. We recommend that this area should be transferred from the West Stirlingshire county constituency to the Stirling, Falkirk and Grangemouth burgh constituency in order that the whole of the burgh of Stirling will be contained within the latter constituency.

The areas comprised in the two constituencies affected would be as set out in Appendix B. The changes would have the effect of increasing the 1972 electorate of the Stirling, Falkirk and Grangemouth constituency by 82 to 65,818 and reducing that of the West Stirlingshire constituency by the same number to 51,555.

The county constituency of East Renfrewshire and the burgh constituency of Paisley

By Sheriff's Deliverance under section 131 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947 dated 30th March 1971 an area from that part of the county of Renfrewshire contained in the East Renfrewshire county constituency was added to the burgh of Paisley with effect from 16th May 1971. We recommend that this area should be transferred from the East Renfrewshire county constituency to the Paisley burgh constituency in order that the whole of the burgh of Paisley will be contained within the latter constituency.

The areas comprised in the two constituencies concerned would then be as set out in Appendix B. The change would increase the 1972 electorate of the Paisley constituency by 6 to 66,572 and reduce the electorate of the East Renfrewshire constituency by the same number to 61,632.

J. O. M. Hunter
Deputy Chairman,
for the Boundary Commission for Scotland.

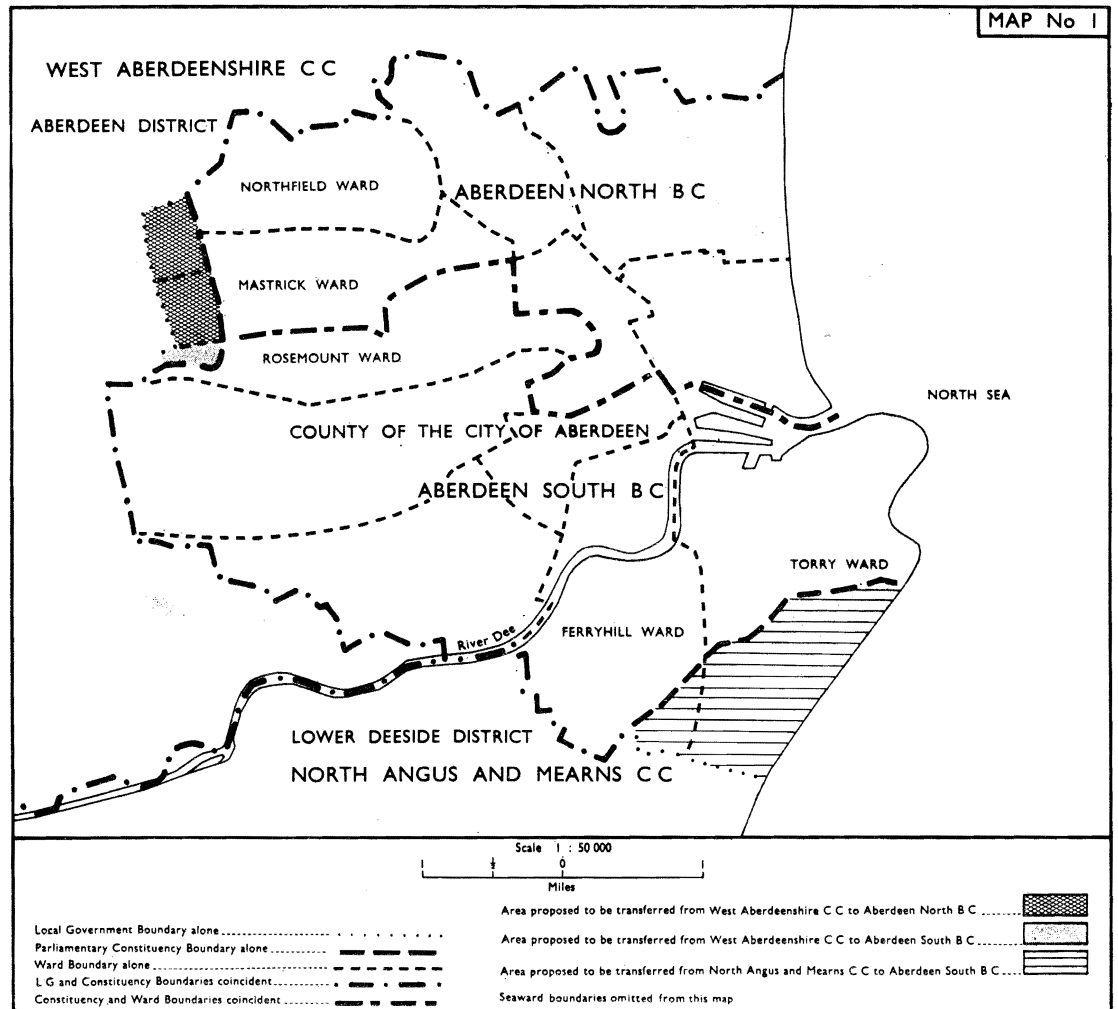
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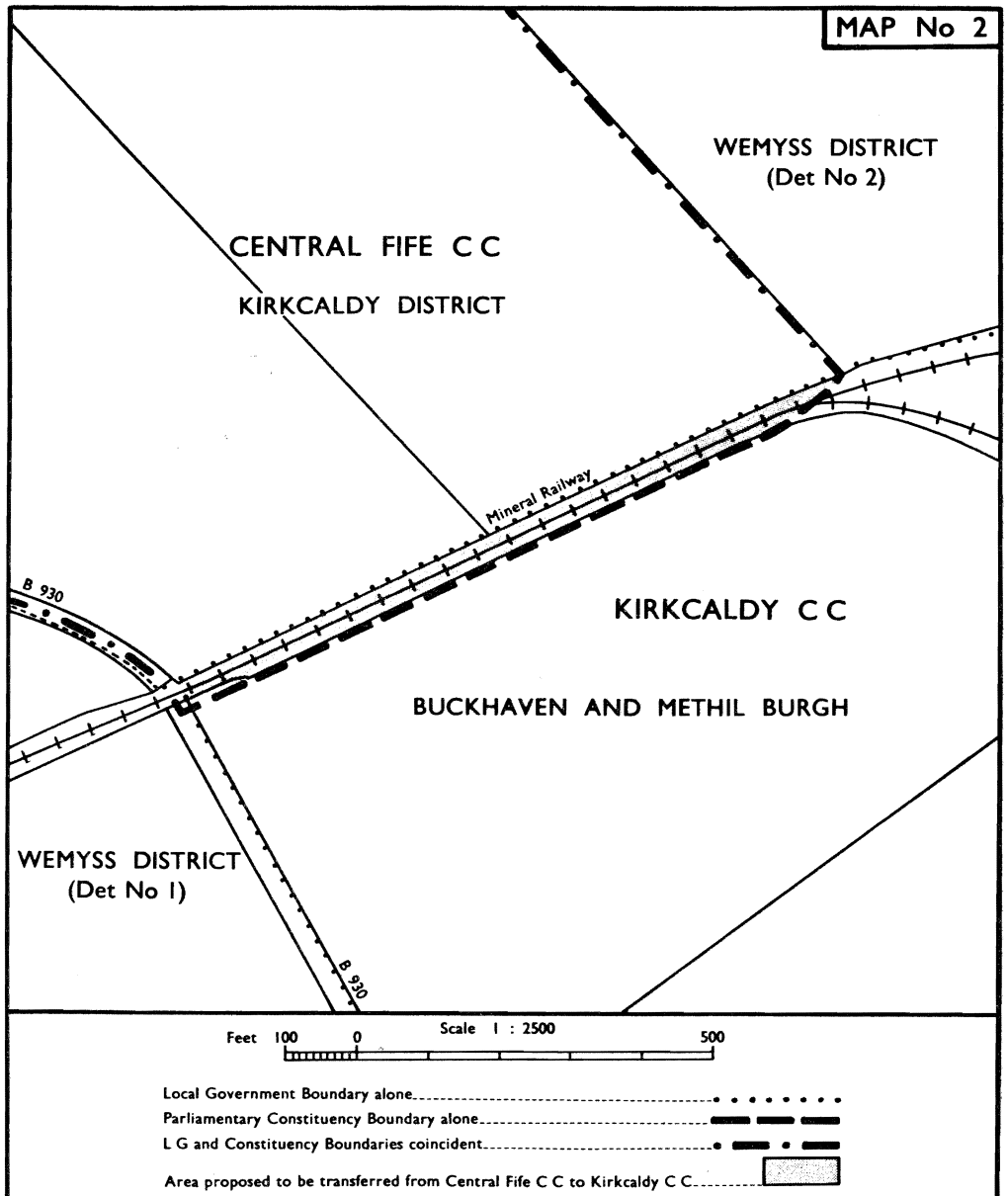
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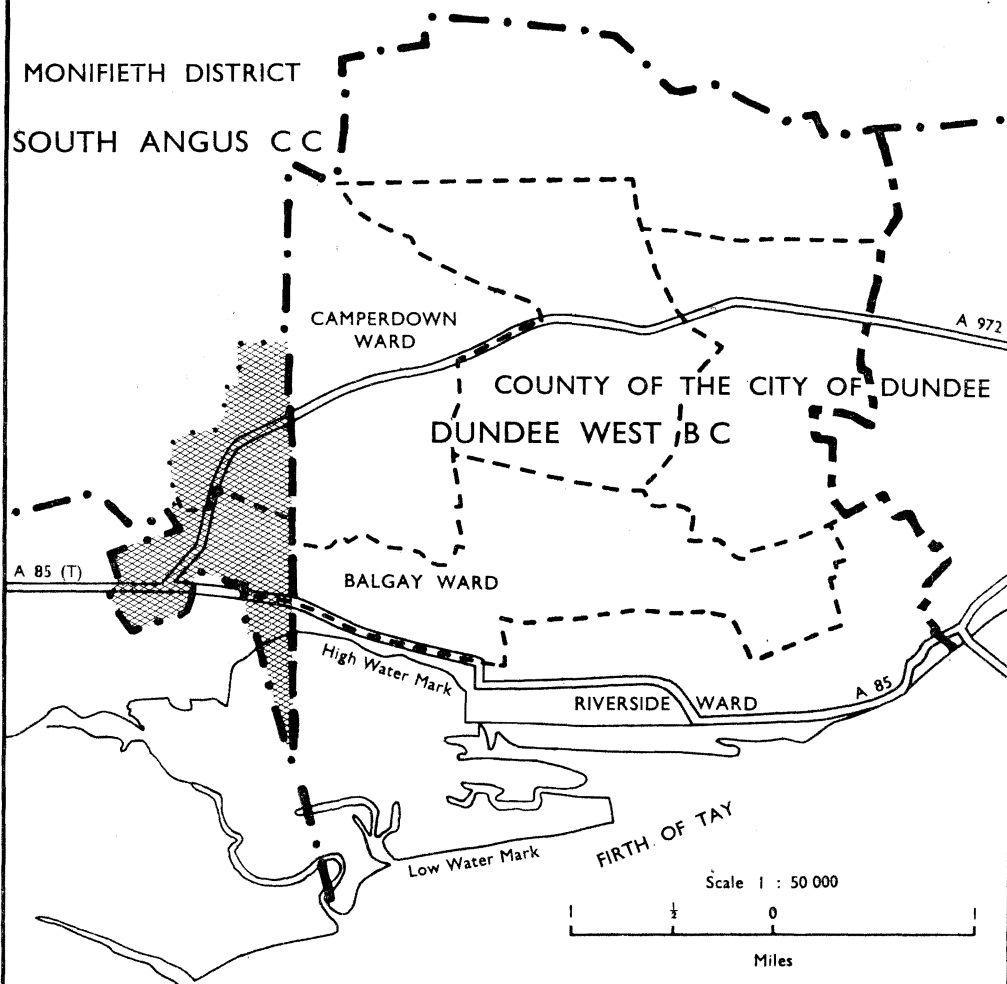
1. The changes to constituencies recommended in this report are illustrated on the following maps:—

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West Aberdeenshire County Constituency
North Angus and Mearns County Constituency |
| Map No. 2 | Central Fife County Constituency
Kirkcaldy County Constituency |
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South Angus County Constituency |
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| Map No. 5 | Edinburgh East Burgh Constituency
Midlothian County Constituency |
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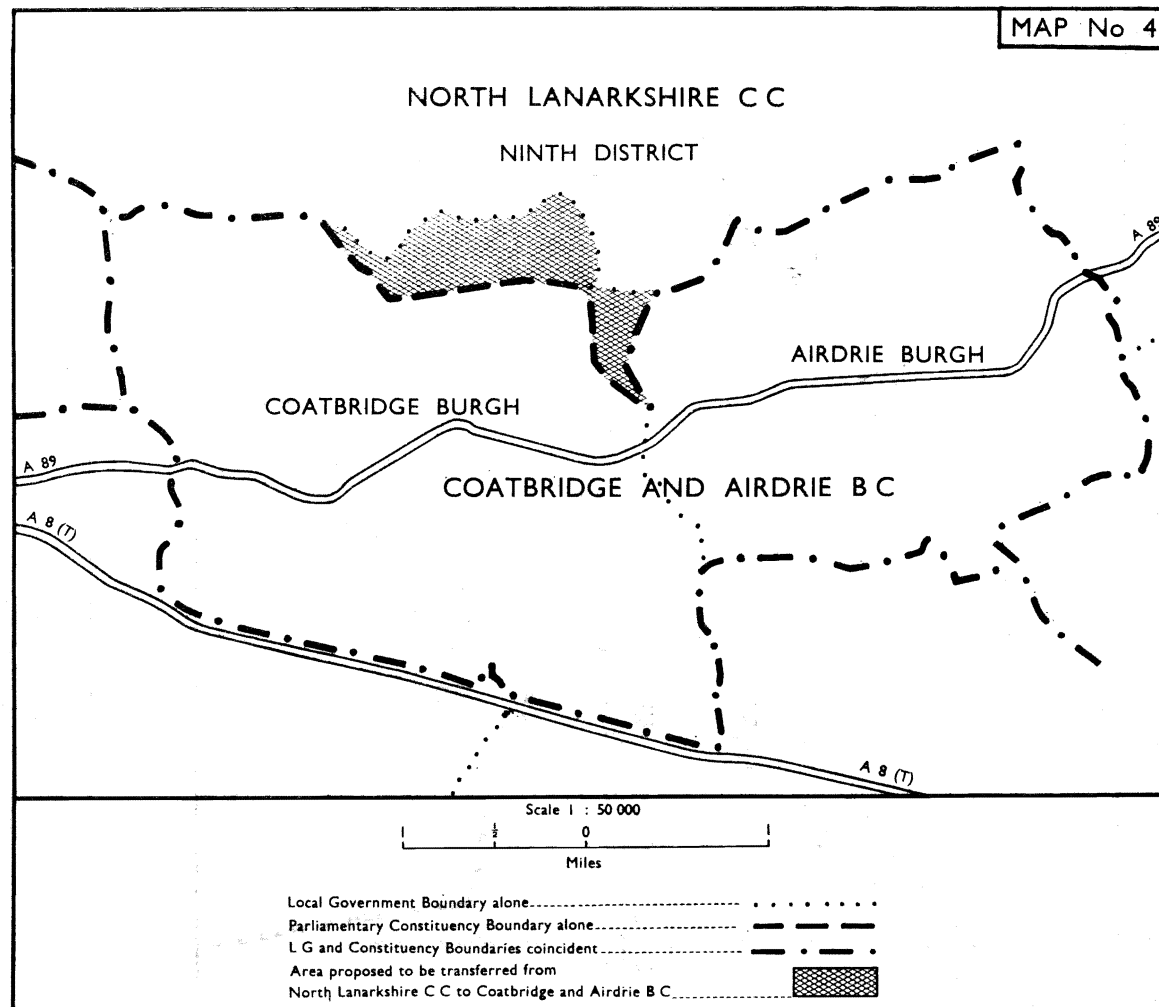
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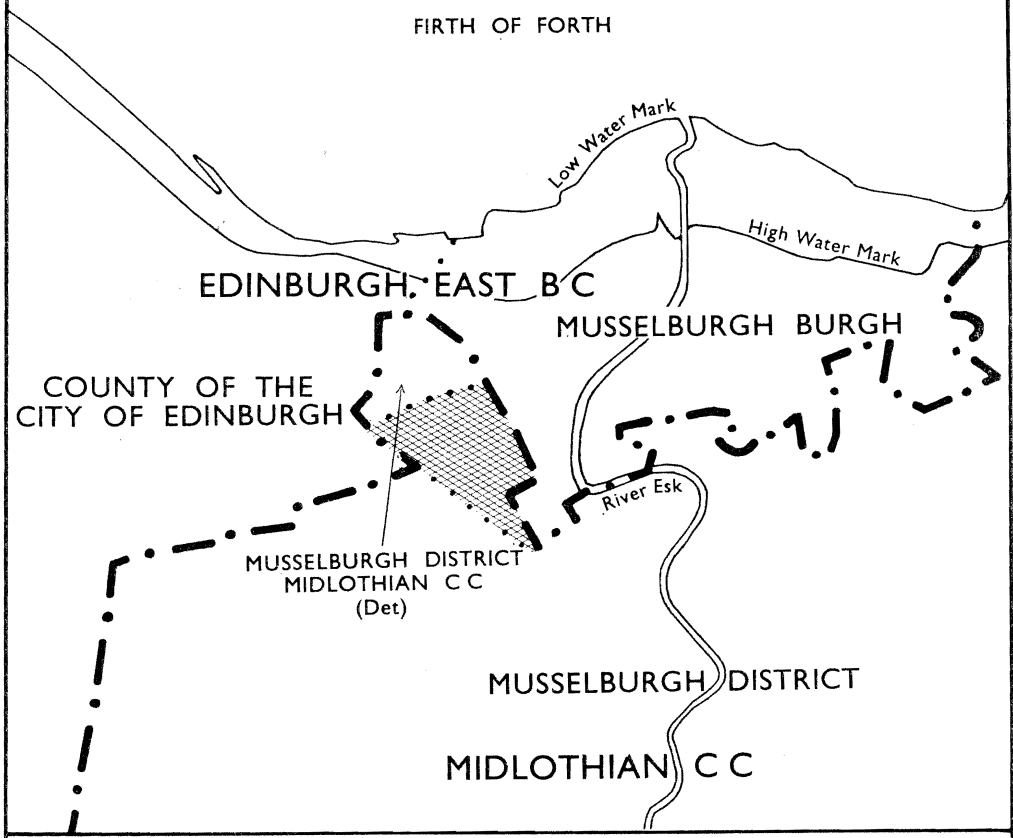




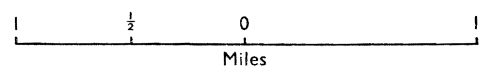


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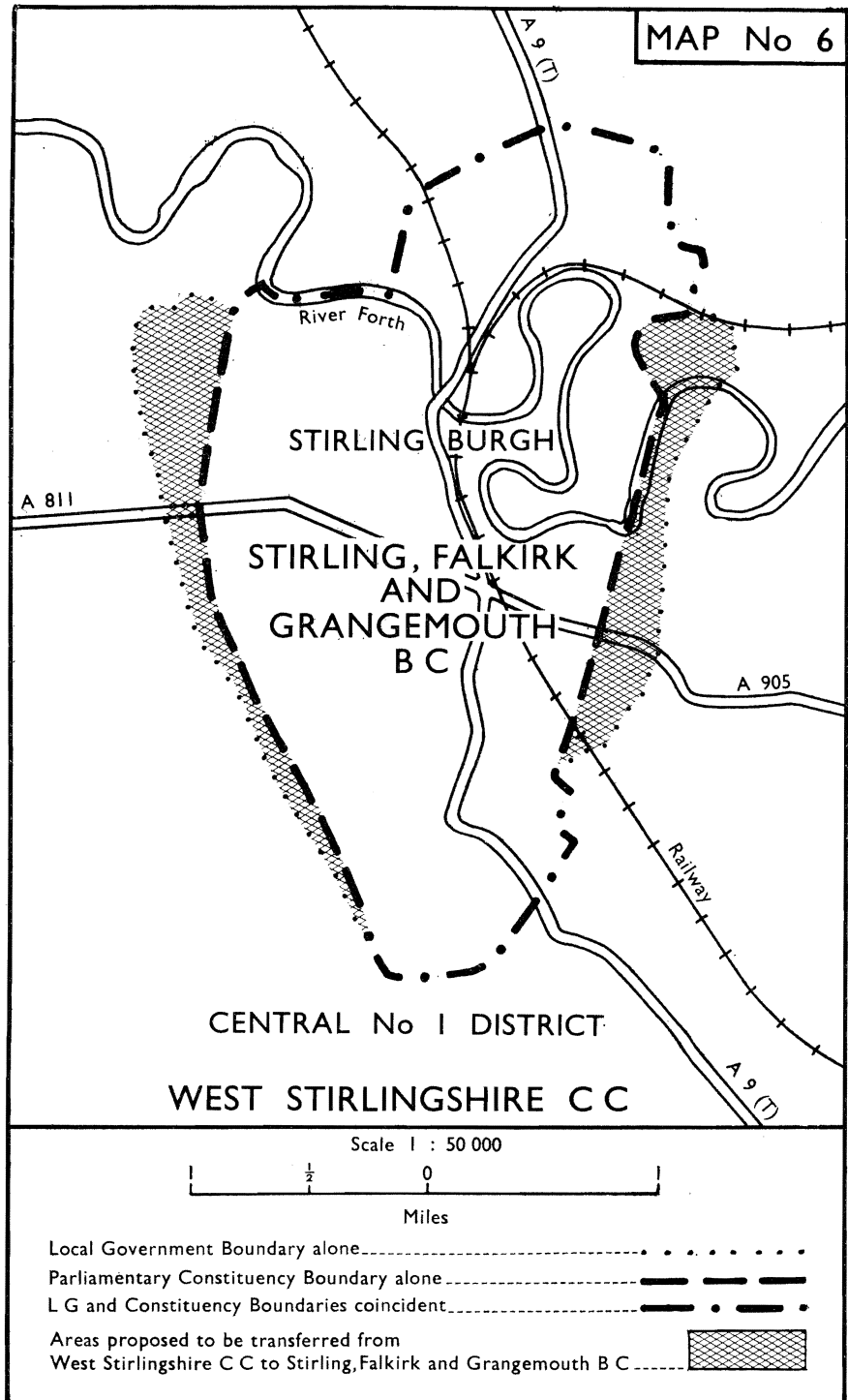


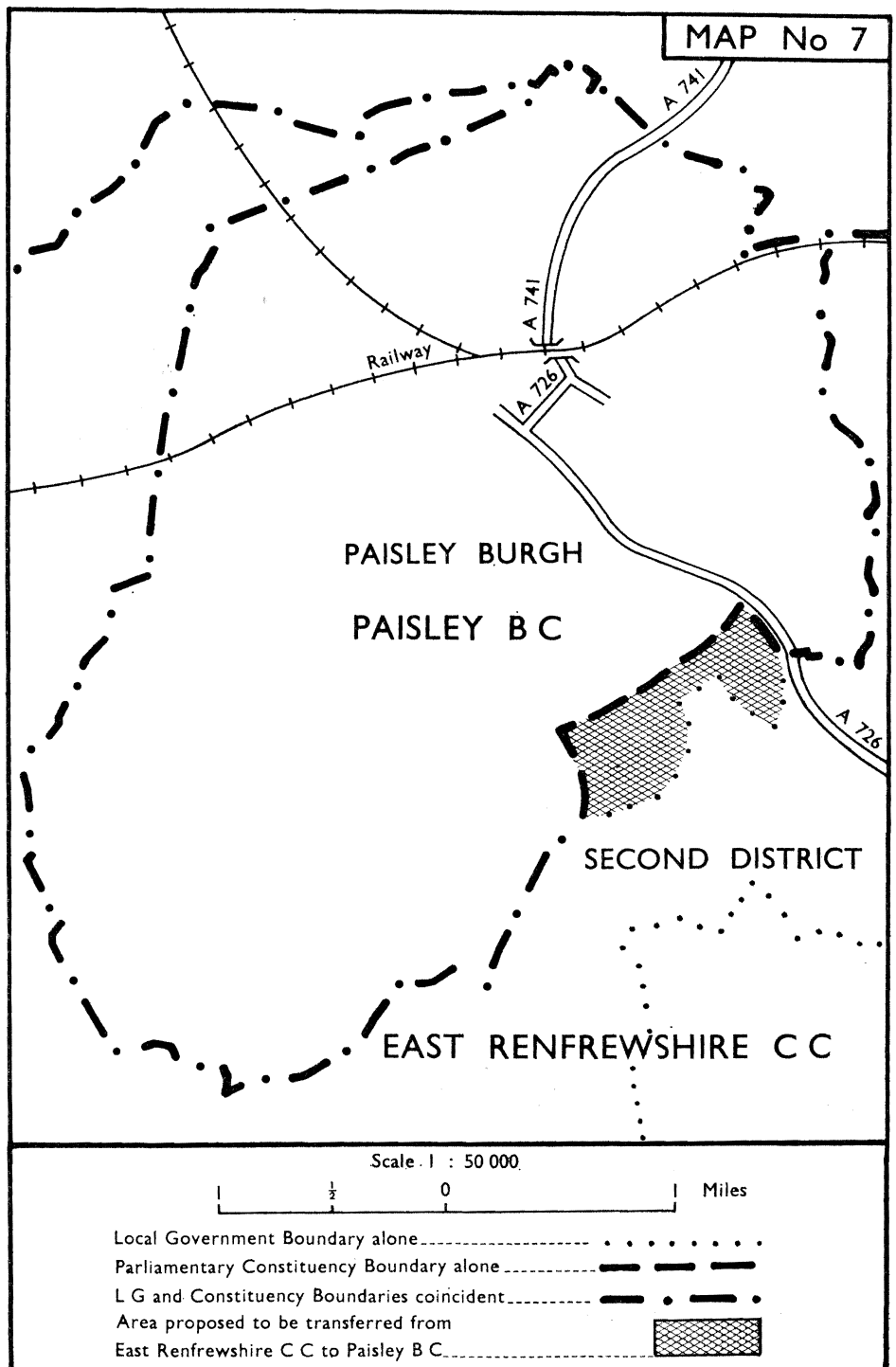


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Midlothian C C to Edinburgh East B C 





APPENDIX B

PROPOSED CONTENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH CHANGES IN BOUNDARIES ARE RECOMMENDED

1. ABERDEENSHIRE

County Constituency of West Aberdeenshire

Contents: (1) The Burghs of Ballater, Huntly, Inverurie, Kintore and Oldmeldrum.

(2) The Districts of Aberdeen, Alford, Deeside, Garioch and Huntly.

1972 Electorate: 53,413

2. THE COUNTY OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN

Burgh Constituency of Aberdeen North

Contents: The Mastrick, Northfield, St Clement's, St Machar, St Nicholas and Woodside Wards.

1972 Electorate: 65,539

Burgh Constituency of Aberdeen South

Contents: The Ferryhill, Holburn, Rosemount, Rubislaw, Ruthrieston and Torry Wards.

1972 Electorate: 69,293

3. ANGUS AND KINCARDINE

County Constituency of North Angus and Mearns

Contents: (1) The County of Kincardine inclusive of all the burghs situated therein.

(2) The Burghs of Brechin and Montrose.

(3) The Districts of Brechin and Montrose.

1972 Electorate: 37,140

County Constituency of South Angus

Contents: (1) The Burghs of Arbroath, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir and Monifieth.

(2) The Districts of Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir and Monifieth.

1972 Electorate: 51,416

4. THE COUNTY OF THE CITY OF DUNDEE

Burgh Constituency of Dundee West

Contents: The Balgay, Camperdown, Downfield, Law, Lochee and Riverside Wards.

1972 Electorate: 66,261

5. THE COUNTY OF THE CITY OF EDINBURGH

Burgh Constituency of Edinburgh East

Contents: (1) The Burgh of Musselburgh.

(2) The Craigentinny, Craigmillar and Portobello Wards.

1972 Electorate: 58,159

6. FIFE

County Constituency of Central Fife

Contents: (1) The Burghs of Cowdenbeath, Leslie, Lochgelly and Markinch.

(2) The Districts of Glenrothes and Lochgelly and the Markinch North and Markinch South Electoral Divisions in the District of Kirkcaldy.

1972 Electorate: 57,108

County Constituency of Kirkcaldy

Contents: (1) The Burghs of Kirkcaldy, Buckhaven and Methil, Burntisland and Kinghorn

(2) The District of Kirkcaldy in so far as not included in the Central Fife Constituency and the District of Wemyss excluding the Electoral Divisions of Kennoway and Scoonie.

1972 Electorate: 60,794

7. LANARKSHIRE

County Constituency of North Lanarkshire

Contents: (1) The Burgh of Bishopbriggs

(2) The Electoral Division of Newarthill in the Sixth District, the Seventh District excluding the Electoral Divisions of Dalziel-Overtown and Newmains and the Ninth District excluding the Electoral Divisions of Baillieston, Garrowhill, Old Monkland, Springboig, Mount Vernon and Carmyle.

1972 Electorate: 53,097

Burgh Constituency of Coatbridge and Airdrie

Contents: The Burghs of Coatbridge and Airdrie

1972 Electorate: 60,187

8. MIDLOTHIAN

County Constituency of Midlothian

Contents: The County of Midlothian including all the burghs situated therein except the County of the City of Edinburgh and the Burgh of Musselburgh.

1972 Electorate: 85,407

9. RENFREWSHIRE

County Constituency of East Renfrewshire

Contents: (1) The Burgh of Barrhead.

(2) The First and Second Districts of the County of Renfrew.

1972 Electorate: 61,632

Burgh Constituency of Paisley

Contents: The Burgh of Paisley.

1972 Electorate: 66,572

10. STIRLINGSHIRE AND CLACKMANNANSHIRE

County Constituency of West Stirlingshire

Contents: (1) The Burghs of Bridge of Allan, Denny and Dunipace and Kilsyth.

(2) The Central No. 1, Central No. 2, Western No. 1, Western No. 2, and Western No. 3 Districts of the County of Stirling.

1972 Electorate: 51,555

Burgh Constituency of Stirling, Falkirk and Grangemouth

Contents: The Burghs of Stirling, Falkirk and Grangemouth.

1972 Electorate: 65,818.

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