

SWANSEA DISTRICT.

KENFIG.

1.—KENFIG is a straggling Village, lying on the edge of the Sand Hills bordering the Eastern shore of the Bay of Swansea, about 15 miles from Neath, and 24 from Swansea by the Turnpike Road which passes through Pyle. Kenfig is about 2 miles South of the Turnpike Road. Situation of Village of Kenfig.

2.—Kenfig at present contributes to Cardiff, with Aberavon, Cowbridge, Llantrissant, Loughor, Neath and Swansea. By the late Bill it was to have been contributory to Swansea, with Aberavon, Loughor and Neath, the whole District sending up one Member. Present and proposed Franchise.

3.—The Parish of Kenfig is united with the Parish of Pyle, which is sometimes called Pyle in Kenfig, or Pyle and Kenfig; or these might be considered as two Hamlets of one Parish, being joined under one Vicarage, though they have separate Churches. The two, taken together, would form but a small Parish; both are entirely agricultural, no Manufactory or even Coal Working existing in either. Parishes of Kenfig and Pyle.

4.—The Borough of Kenfig is one of the most ancient in Wales, and has, I was informed, three Charters; the last is from Isabel Countess of Wiggorne (Worcester) and Glamorgan, confirming one granted by her father. It is dated at Cardiff, on the 1st day of May in the 1st of Henry 6th. It says nothing of the Boundary; but there is a Presentment of a Jury at a Court Leet held on the 11th of January 1660, in the 12th of Charles 2d, which sets out the Metes and Bounds as they are now perambulated. There are 230 Burgesses; of whom 57 reside within the Borough, and 8 in Pyle. The present Portreeve is an intelligent farmer. Borough of Kenfig.

5.—The last Perambulation took place about 6 years ago. No part of the Boundary is doubtful or disputed. It includes the whole of the Parish of Kenfig or Lower Kenfig, the whole of the Hamlet of Higher Kenfig, and a small part of the Hamlet of Trissient. The last two are in the Parish of Margam, and separated from Lower Kenfig by a brook. Present Limits of Borough

6.—Within the Borough Bounds there are 26 qualifying Houses, taken with land, of which number, 2 would be above the value of £. 10. without land: of the 26, there are in Lower Kenfig 17, in Higher Kenfig 7, and in Trissient 2. Number of qualifying Houses in the Borough of Kenfig.

7.—The total number of Persons in Lower Kenfig is 276, in Higher Kenfig 189, and in Trissient within the Borough 20; total within the Borough, 485. Population of the Borough of Kenfig.

8.—The number of occupied Houses in the Parish of Lower Kenfig, was 49 in 1821, and 58 in 1831. Number of Houses.

The number of Houses in Higher Kenfig and Trissient are returned with Margam Parish, in the Census of 1831.

9.—Pyle contains only 2 Houses assessed to the Inhabited House Duty, and 7 to the Poores' Rate, of the value of £. 10 and upwards; but these last are, I believe, farms standing at a rent of £. 50. and would therefore have Votes for the County. The Population of Pyle Parish, by the last Census, amounted to 475 persons. Qualifying Houses and Population of Pyle.

10.—There can be no motive, I should conceive, for altering the present Limits of this Borough, unless it should be thought that the Parish and Village of Pyle should participate in the Franchise. This would certainly give the Borough rather more weight amongst the Boroughs with which it is associated; but nothing can give it any community of interest with them, Kenfig being purely agricultural, whilst all the others are more or less commercial or manufacturing. Circumstances to be considered in choosing a Boundary.

11.—I recommend, therefore, that the Boundary of the Borough of Kenfig shall be that of the ancient Borough of Kenfig. Proposed Boundary.

W. Wyld.

SUMMARY of all the INFORMATION relative to the Borough of *Kenfig*,
laid before Parliament since March 1831.

1.—*Limits :*

Rep.	Include the Parish of Kenfig, the Hamlet of Higher Kenfig, and a small part of the Hamlet of Trissient.
Parl. Ret. 110.	Kenfig is one of Seven contributory Boroughs to Cardiff.

2.—*Population :*

				In 1821.	In 1831.
Parl. Ret. 427, 418.	Of the Parish of Lower Kenfig	-	-	222.	276.
	Of the Borough	-	-	-	485.

3.—*Number of Houses :*

		1821.	1831.	Assessed to Inhabited House Duty at £.10. and upwards.	Value of £. 10. per annum.
Rep.		—	—		
Pop. Ret.	In the Borough * - - -	"	"	0	26
Rep.	In the Parish of Lower Kenfig -	56	58		

4.—*Amount of Assessed Taxes paid :*

		1830.
Parl. Ret. 427.	By the Borough - - - - -	£.4. 0. 0.

5.—*Greatest Number of Electors* polled within the last 30 Years :

	Votes polled at Kenfig - - -	158.
Parl. Ret. 110.	There are 230 Burgesses, of whom 57 are resident within the Borough.	

6.—*Right of Voting is*

Rep.	In the Burgesses.
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* There are no means of ascertaining the Number of Houses in the Borough, the Hamlets of Higher Kenfig and Trissient being returned with Margam Parish, and the Return not distinguishing the Hamlets.