STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 2107

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS

The Parliamentary Constituencies (Blyth and Hexham) Order 1971

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - 22*nd December* 1971

Coming into Operation 5*th January* 1972

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of December 1971

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas in pursuance of section 2(3) of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1949(**a**) the Boundary Commission for England have submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated 1st October 1971 with respect to the areas comprised in certain constituencies in England and showing the constituencies into which they recommend, in accordance with the provisions of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Acts 1949 and 1958(**b**), that the areas should be divided:

And whereas the Secretary of State has laid the said report before Parliament together with the draft of this Order in Council to give effect to recommendations contained in the report and each House of Parliament has by resolution approved the said draft:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of section 3 of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1949, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Parliamentary Constituencies (Blyth and Hexham) Order 1971.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) This Order shall come into operation on the fourteenth day after the day on which it is made:

Provided that the coming into operation of this Order shall not affect any parliamentary election until a proclamation is issued by Her Majesty summoning a new Parliament or affect the constitution of the House of Commons until the dissolution of the Parliament in being on the day on which this Order comes into operation.

(**a**) 1949 c. 66.
(**b**) 1958 c. 26.
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.

2. In lieu of the county constituency of Hexham and the borough constituency of Blyth described in Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1948(a) and specified in Part I of the Schedule to this Order there shall be substituted the county and borough constituencies described in Part II of the Schedule to this Order.

3. The electoral registration officers for the aforesaid constituencies shall make such re-arrangement or adaptation of the registers of parliamentary electors as may be necessary to give effect to this Order.

W. G. Agnew.

SCHEDULE

NORTHUMBERLAND

PART I

Existing constituencies described by reference to circumstances as they existed immediately before the end of the year 1947 *except for any subsequent accretion from the sea*

Name	County or Borough Constituency	Contents
Hexham	County ..	(i) The urban districts of Hexham and Prudhoe; (ii) the rural districts of Bellingham, Castle Ward, Haltwhistle and Hexham.
Blyth	Borough ..	(i) The borough of Blyth; (ii) the urban districts of Bedlingtonshire and Seaton Valley.

PART II

New constituencies described by reference to circumstances as they existed on 1*st October* 1971 (*being a date subsequent to the County of Northumberland* (*Seaton Valley Urban District*) *Confirmation Order* 1969) *except for any subsequent accretion from the sea whether occurring before or after the making of this Order*

Name	County or Borough Constituency	Contents
Hexham	County ..	(i) The urban districts of Hexham and Prudhoe; (ii) the rural districts of Bellingham, Castle Ward, Haltwhistle and Hexham.
Blyth	Borough ..	(i) The borough of Blyth; (ii) the urban districts of Bedlingtonshire and Seaton Valley.

(a) 1948 c. 65.