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Copy of Henry Merreweather's judgement on appointment of Bailiffs, Morpeth,
Northumberland, 11 June 1840

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