

3.—(1) For the purpose of the Administration of the Land Purchase Acts in Northern Ireland there shall be a Commission called the "Land Purchase Commission, Northern Ireland," and all the powers and duties under the Land Purchase Acts of the Irish Land Commission or the court of that Commission shall, so far as respects Northern Ireland and subject to the provisions of this Order, be exercised and performed by the Land Purchase Commission, Northern Ireland, which by that name shall be a body corporate with power to acquire and hold land and a common seal which shall be officially and judicially noticed.

(2) The Land Purchase Commission, Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) shall consist of one or more Commissioners appointed by the Secretary of State, and the powers and duties under the Land Purchase Acts of the Judicial Commissioner, the Estate Commissioners or any other Commissioner or Commissioners of the Irish Land Commission shall, so far as respects Northern Ireland and subject to the provisions of this Order, be exercised and performed by the Commissioner so appointed or, if more than one Commissioner is so appointed, by any Commissioner so appointed; provided that—

(a) at least one Commissioner so appointed shall be a person who has practised for not less than 10 years at the Bar in Ireland or in some part of Ireland, and the power and duties of the Judicial Commissioner shall not be exercised and performed by a Commissioner who does not possess this qualification; and

(b) for the purposes of subsection (1) of section sixty-three of the Irish Land Act, 1909, the powers of the Judicial Commissioner shall be exercised by a judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland nominated under the Land Purchase Acts, as they apply to Northern Ireland, to act as Judicial Commissioner or additional Judicial Commissioner.

4.—(1) For the purposes of the Land Purchase Acts in their application to Northern Ireland, there shall be a public trustee for Northern Ireland who by the name of "The Land Purchase Trustee for Northern Ireland" shall be a corporation with perpetual succession and a common seal which shall be officially and judicially noticed, and all powers and duties under the Land Purchase Acts of the Public Trustee appointed under the Irish Land Act, 1903 (except powers and duties under section 39 of the Irish Land Act, 1903), shall, so far as respects Northern Ireland, and subject to the provisions of this Order, be exercised and performed by the Land Purchase Trustee for Northern Ireland.

(2) The Land Purchase Trustee for Northern Ireland shall be appointed by the Secretary of State.

5.—(1) The tenure, remuneration and superannuation rights of a Commissioner appointed under this Order and of the Public Trustee for Northern Ireland shall be such as may be determined by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury.

(2) A Commissioner appointed under this Order shall not, by virtue of his office, become a judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland.

(3) Nothing in this Order shall be taken as impairing the power of nominating a judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland to act as Judicial Commissioner or additional Judicial Commissioner of the Commission under section 28 of the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891, as it applies to Northern Ireland, or the jurisdiction of a judge so nominated.

6.—(1) The Secretary of State may, with the consent of the Treasury, make provision for the transfer to the Commission of any officers of the Irish Land Commission and for the continuance, so far as practicable, of the service of officers so transferred in corresponding offices upon conditions not less favourable as respects remuneration and superannuation than those of the offices previously held by them, and subject as aforesaid, the Commission may, with the consent of the Secretary of State and the Treasury, appoint or employ such officers or persons as they think necessary for the execution of their powers and duties.

(2) The provisions of the last preceding subsection shall apply as respects officers of the Public Trustee in like manner as they apply as respects officers of the Irish Land Commission, with the substitution of the Land Purchase Trustee for Northern Ireland for the Commission.

7. In the application of the Land Purchase Acts to Northern Ireland, so far as is consistent with the foregoing provisions of this Order—

references to the Irish Land Commission or to the court of the Irish Land Commission shall be construed as references to the Commission;

References to the Judicial Commissioner, to the Estates Commissioners or to other Commissioners of the Irish Land Commission or to any one or more of them shall be construed as references to a Commissioner appointed under this Order;

references to the Public Trustee appointed under the Irish Land Act, 1903, shall be construed as references to the Land Purchase Trustee for Northern Ireland;

references to Dublin shall be construed as references to Belfast;

references to the Dublin Gazette shall be construed as references to the Belfast Gazette.

8.—(1) Any matter or proceeding relating to land in Northern Ireland which is pending in the Irish Land Commission on the day of transfer shall be transferred to and continued in the Commission.

(2) Where the Public Trustee appointed under the Irish Land Act, 1903, is on the day of transfer trustee of a settlement, either alone or jointly with some other trustee or trustees, if the settled land in consequence of the sale of which the Public Trustee was appointed trustee of the settlement was land in Northern Ireland, then the Land Purchase Trustee for Northern Ireland, subject as hereinafter provided, shall, by virtue of this Order, become trustee of the settlement in his stead, provided that if the income of the investments representing such settled land or any part of that income is at the day of transfer payable to a person ordinarily resident in the Irish Free State, the Land Purchase Trustee for Northern