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FRIDAY, 29 APRIL, 1921.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *April*, 1921.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS it is provided by sub-section (1) of section fifteen of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, that the existing election laws relating to the Commons House of Parliament of the United Kingdom and the members thereof shall, so far as applicable and subject to the provisions of that Act, extend to the House of Commons of Southern Ireland and the members thereof, and that His Majesty may, by Order in Council, make such provisions as may appear to Him necessary or proper for making any provisions of the election laws applicable to elections of members of the Senate and House of Commons of Southern Ireland:

And whereas the expression "election laws" and the expression "existing" are defined in section seventy-four of the said Act, and by virtue of the said section and of an Order in Council made under the said Act and dated the twenty-fourth day of March nineteen hundred and twenty-one the expression "existing election laws" means the election laws existing

at the third day of May nineteen hundred and twenty-one:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Election Laws Application (House of Commons, Southern Ireland) Order, 1921.

(2) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires—

The expression "the Act" means the Government of Ireland Act, 1920;

The expression "existing" means existing at the third day of May, 1921.

The expression "laws" includes any orders, rules and regulations made under any existing Act and in force in Southern Ireland at the said date.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies for the purpose of the interpretation of this order in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The existing election laws (other than those relating to the registration of electors, to the creation of polling districts or to commissions of inquiry under the Election Commissioners Act, 1852), save where inconsistent with the Act or the provisions in any other