

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 3rd day of *March*, 1922.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section sixty-nine of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920. His Majesty is empowered by Order in Council to make such regulations as seem necessary or proper for setting in motion the Parliaments and Governments of Southern and Northern Ireland, and also for any other matter for which it seems to His Majesty necessary or proper to make provision for the purpose of bringing the said Act into full operation or for giving full effect to any of the provisions of the said Act, and in particular His Majesty is empowered, amongst other things, by any such Order in Council—

(1) To make such adaptations of any enactments as far as they relate to Ireland as may appear to Him necessary or proper in order to give effect to the provisions of the said Act; and also to make any adaptations of any enactments so far as they relate to England or Scotland as may appear to Him necessary or proper as a consequence of any change effected by the provisions of the said Act; and

(2) to make such adaptation of any enactments as appear to Him necessary or proper with respect to the execution of services with respect to which the Parliaments of Southern Ireland and Northern Ireland have not power to make laws, and in particular to provide for the exercise or performance of any powers or duties in connection with those services by any department of the Government of the United Kingdom or officer of that Government where any such powers or duties are, under any existing Act or by the common law, to be exercised or performed by any department or officer in Ireland who will cease to exist as a department or officer of the Government of the United Kingdom:

And whereas for the purposes of the provisions of the said Act relating to the transfer of services, the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, has been fixed as the appointed day as respects Northern Ireland in relation to (amongst others) Irish services in connection with the matters dealt with by this Order, but no day has as yet been fixed for the purposes aforesaid as respects Southern Ireland:

And whereas the provisions of Section 1 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

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

PART I.

General.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Government of Ireland (Companies, Societies, etc.) Order, 1922.

(2) In this Order the expression "appointed day" means the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two.

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

2.—(1) As from the appointed day the enactments to which the several Parts of this Order hereinafter contained apply shall have effect subject to the modifications and adaptations set out in those Parts respectively, save where inconsistent with the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, or the provisions of any subsequent Order in Council under that Act, and subject as respects matters within the powers of the Parliament of Northern Ireland to repeal or alteration by Acts of that Parliament.

(2) Subject to the express modifications and adaptations made by this Order the General Adaptation of Enactments (Northern Ireland) Order, 1921, and any other Order made under the said Act containing adaptations of general application shall, if and so far as they are applicable to the enactments adapted by this Order, apply thereto in like manner as to other enactments.

(3) The modifications and adaptations effected by this Order shall apply to any order, scheme, rule, regulation or instrument made or issued under any of the enactments so adapted or modified and in force immediately before the appointed day in like manner as they apply to the enactment under which it was made or issued; and any such order, scheme, rule, regulation or instrument shall continue in force in like manner and subject to the like powers of revocation and alteration as if it had been made or issued under the said enactment as so modified and adapted.

PART II.

Companies, Partnerships, &c.

3. This Part of this Order applies to the enactments relating to companies, partnerships and other persons registerable by the registrar of companies and the registrar of business names, that is to say, the Companies Acts, 1908 to 1917, the Limited Partnerships Act, 1907, the Registration of Business Names Act, 1916, and the Newspaper Label and Registration Act, 1881.

4. Any company, partnership or persons registered at the appointed day in Ireland under any of the enactments to which this Part applies, shall—

(a) in the case of a company, if its registered office is situate in Northern Ireland;

(b) in the case of a partnership or person if the principal place of business is situate in Northern Ireland;

be deemed for the purposes of the said enactments to be registered in Northern Ireland.

5. The officer appointed by the Government of Northern Ireland to perform in Northern Ireland the functions of the registrar of companies shall, in Northern Ireland, have all the powers of the registrar under the enactments to which this Part applies, and references in those enactments and in any other enactments to the registrar of companies or the registrar of joint stock companies shall, in their application to Northern Ireland, be construed as references to that officer.

6.—(1) For the purpose of forming registers of companies, partnerships and persons so deemed to be registered in Northern Ireland as aforesaid, the assistant registrar of companies and the registrar of business names for Ireland shall separate from any register kept by them so much thereof as at the appointed day relates to such companies, partnerships