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TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1922.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 21st day of November, 1922.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section one of the Irish Free State (Agreement) Act, 1922, it is provided that the Articles of Agreement set forth in the Schedule to that Act shall have the force of law, and that for the purpose of giving effect to Article 17 of the said Agreement Orders in Council may be made transferring to the Provisional Government established under that Article the powers and machinery therein referred to, and that any Order in Council made under that section may contain such incidental, consequential and supplemental provisions as may appear to be necessary or proper for the purpose of giving effect to the foregoing provisions of that section:

And whereas by Article 12 of the Provisional Government (Transfer of Functions) Order, 1922, being an Order in Council made under the said section and hereinafter referred to as the Principal Order, provision is made for the transfer and apportionment of property, assets, rights and liabilities connected with the functions transferred under the Principal Order:

And whereas it is necessary to make provision for carrying out the transfers and appor-

tionments made in pursuance of the said Article:

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. Where a transfer, assurance or other instrument required to be executed for the purpose of transferring any securities, property or rights vested in the Local Government Board for Ireland or in any public officer by his official description whose office has ceased to exist, in order to give effect to any transfer or apportionment of property, assets, rights or liabilities pursuant to Article 12 of the Principal Order, the instrument shall be deemed to be duly executed by and on behalf of such department or officer if executed by any person appointed for the purpose by the Treasury. A certificate of the Treasury that the instrument requires to be executed for the purpose aforesaid or of the appointment of a person as aforesaid shall be sufficient evidence of the facts certified.

In this Article the expression " securities " includes stocks, funds, shares and annuities, whether transferable by deed or in books kept by a company or society, and any dividend or interest on securities which is due at the time of the transfer but is then unpaid may be paid in accordance with directions given by the Treasury.

2.—(1) This Order may be cited as the