

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

The expression "Registration of Deeds Acts" means an Act of the Parliament of Ireland of the sixth year of the reign of Queen Anne, chapter two, and every enactment amending that Act or otherwise relating to the Registry established under that Act or the registration of instruments or documents therein;

The expression "deeds" means deeds, orders, affidavits and other instruments or documents registrable under the Registration of Deeds Acts;

The expression "Dublin Registry" means the registry established in Dublin under the Registration of Deeds Acts.

(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 thirty-first day of March, 1923, the Registration of Deeds Acts shall, in their application to Northern Ireland, have effect subject to the modifications and adaptations set out in this Order save where inconsistent with the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, the Irish Free State Constitution Act, 1922, or the Irish Free State (Consequential Provisions) Act, 1922, or the provisions of any subsequent Order in Council under any of those Acts 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 Government of Ireland Act, 1920, the Irish Free State Constitution Act, 1922, or the Irish Free State (Consequential Provisions) Act, 1922, containing adaptations of general application shall, if and so far as they are applicable to the Registration of Deeds Acts apply thereto in like manner as to other enactments.

(3) The modifications and adaptations made by this Order shall apply to any Order, scheme, rule, regulation or instrument made under any of the Registration of Deeds Acts and in force as respects Northern Ireland on the thirty-first day of March, 1923, 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 as respects Northern Ireland in like manner and subject to the like powers of revocation and alteration as if it had been made or issued under the Registration of Deeds Acts as adapted and modified by this Order.

3. For the purposes of the Registration of Deeds Acts, in their application to Northern Ireland, there shall be established in Belfast a Registry of Deeds for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as the Belfast Registry) and any deed registrable under those Acts, if and so far as it affects lands in Northern Ireland, shall, after the thirty-first day of March, 1923, be registrable in the Belfast Registry instead of in the Dublin Registry; and if after that day any such deed is registered in the Dublin Registry, such registration shall not be

effective for the purposes of the said Acts so far as respects land in Northern Ireland.

Provided that this Order and any registration made in the Belfast Registry in pursuance thereof shall not affect the validity as respects land in Northern Ireland of any registration duly made under the said Acts in the Dublin Registry before the first day of April, 1923.

4.—(1) The staff of the Belfast Registry shall consist of a registrar, an assistant registrar and such other officers or persons as in the opinion of the Treasury are required for the service of the registry.

(2) Provision may be made by the Secretary of State for the transfer to the Belfast Registry of officers employed in the Registry in Dublin (other than officers transferred to the Government of the Irish Free State), and for the continuance of the service of officers so transferred upon conditions not less favourable as respects remuneration and superannuation than theretofore. Subject as aforesaid the registrar, assistant registrar, and other members of the staff of the Belfast Registry shall be appointed by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury and their tenure, remuneration and superannuation rights shall be such as the Secretary of State may with the like consent determine.

(3) Provisions of the Registration Acts requiring recognizances to be entered into and oaths to be taken by the registrar or assistant registrar shall not apply to the registrar or assistant registrar of the Belfast Registry. The powers and duties of the registrar of the Belfast Registry may, in the absence of the registrar and the assistant registrar be exercised and performed by an officer nominated in that behalf by the Secretary of State.

5.—(1) For the purpose of the application of the Registration of Deeds Acts to deeds registrable in the Belfast Registry and to the registration of such deeds and all matters incidental thereto and consequential thereon, so far as is consistent with the foregoing provisions of this Order, and save where the context otherwise requires, references in whatever form expressed—

(a) to the Dublin Registry or the registrar or assistant registrar of that registry or to the registers kept therein, shall be construed as references to the Belfast Registry or the registrar or assistant registrar of that registry or to the registers kept therein as the case may be;

(b) to Ireland, shall be construed as references to Northern Ireland;

(c) to the City of Dublin, shall be construed as references to the City of Belfast;

(d) to the "Dublin Gazette," shall be construed as references to the "Belfast Gazette."

(2) The powers of the Treasury under section seven of the Land Transfer (Ireland) Act, 1848, shall include power to make by Order such alterations in form and character of the indexes which are required to be kept for the purposes of the Registration of Deeds Acts and of the manner in which the indexes are to be kept as appear to them to be necessary or proper for the purpose of adapting the system of indexes to the requirements of the new registers to be kept in the Belfast registry.

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