

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 12th day of *August*, 1924.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section sixty-nine of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, His Majesty is, amongst other things, empowered by Order in Council to make such regulations as seem necessary or proper for setting in motion the Parliament and Government of 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 provision of the said Act and in particular His Majesty is empowered, amongst other things, by any such Order in Council 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 Parliament of Northern Ireland has not power to make laws and to provide for the exercise and performance of any powers or duties in connexion 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 under the Representation of the People Act, 1918, and other laws relating to the qualification of Parliamentary electors and election laws certain powers and duties in connexion with services with respect to which the Parliament of Northern Ireland has not power to make laws are to be exercised and performed by the Local Government Board for Ireland being a department which has ceased to exist as a department of the Government of the United Kingdom:

And whereas by section one of the Irish Free State (Consequential Provisions) Act, 1922, it is provided that subject to the provisions of the First Schedule to that Act the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, shall cease to apply to any part of Ireland other than Northern Ireland; and by section six of the same Act it is provided that His Majesty may by Order in Council make such adaptations of any enactments so far as they relate to any of His Majesty's Dominions other than the Irish Free State as may appear to Him necessary or proper as a consequence of the establishment of the Irish Free State:

And whereas the provisions of section one 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:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Election Laws (Northern Ireland) Order, 1924.

(2) 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) The election laws and laws relating to the qualification of parliamentary electors in their application to electors and elections of members to serve in the House of Commons

for constituencies in Northern Ireland shall 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.

(2) The adaptations and modifications made by this Order shall apply to any order, scheme, rule, regulation or instrument made or issued under any of the laws aforesaid and in force as respects Northern Ireland immediately before the date of this Order 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 said enactment as so adapted and modified.

3.—(1) The powers and duties of the Local Government Board for Ireland under the Representation of the People Act, 1918, and any other election laws or laws relating to the qualification of parliamentary electors shall be exercised and performed by a Secretary of State and accordingly references in those laws to the Local Government Board for Ireland shall be construed as references to a Secretary of State.

(2) Nothing in this Article shall affect prejudicially any arrangement that may be made under section sixty-three of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, for the exercise and performance of the said powers and duties by departments and officers of the Government of Northern Ireland.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Article, the Clerk of the Crown and Peace for the county of Fermanagh shall be registration officer for so much of the constituency of Fermanagh and Tyrone as is comprised in the county of Fermanagh, and the Clerk of the Crown and Peace for the county of Tyrone shall be registration officer for so much of the said constituency as is comprised in the county of Tyrone.

(2) The powers and duties of the registration officer under Rule 23 of the First Schedule to the Representation of the People Act, 1918, with respect to the removal of duplicate entries or the placing of marks against names in cases of electors whose names appear in the electors' lists both in Fermanagh and Tyrone, and such other powers and duties of the registration officer as may be specified by the Secretary of State (being powers and duties which in the opinion of the Secretary of State ought to be exercised and performed by an officer acting for the whole of a constituency) shall in the case of the said constituency be exercised by such one of the said Clerks of the Crown and Peace as may be designated for the purpose by the Secretary of State, and the Clerk so designated shall for that purpose be registration officer for the constituency.

5. In the Ballot Act, 1872, references to the Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper in Ireland shall be construed as references to the Clerk of the Crown for Northern Ireland.