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THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

To the Council of the County Borough of Belfast; to the Guardians of the Poor of the Belfast Union; and to all others whom it may concern :

WHEREAS by the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, it is enacted that where the Guardians of any Union satisfy the Council of a County (including a County Borough) that exceptional distress exists in some district electoral division situate both in the union and in the county, and the Council apply to the Local Government Board, that Board may, if they think fit, by order authorise the Guardians, subject to the conditions prescribed by the Local Government Board, to administer relief out of the Workhouse for any time not exceeding two months from the date of the Order to poor persons of any description resident in the said electoral division, and may revoke any such Order wholly or partly or with reference to any particular class of persons :

And whereas by the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and Orders made thereunder, the powers and duties of the said Local Government Board have been transferred to the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland :

And whereas the Guardians of the Poor of the Belfast Union, hereinafter referred to as the Guardians, have satisfied the Council of the County Borough of Belfast that exceptional distress exists in the District Electoral Divisions comprising the said County Borough of Belfast,

and situate both in the said Belfast Union and in the said County Borough, and the said Council of the said County Borough of Belfast have applied to the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland :

Now therefore the said Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland do hereby authorise the Guardians to administer relief out of the Workhouse for a period of two months from the date of this Order to poor persons of any description resident in the district electoral divisions comprising the said County Borough of Belfast, and do hereby prescribe the following conditions as to the granting, ordering and giving of such relief under the authority of this Order, that is to say :—

(1) Relief granted under the authority of this Order shall be given at the Guardians' discretion to such persons being the heads of families ordinarily resident in any of the said district electoral divisions, who for reasons satisfactory to the Guardians are not in receipt of or entitled to unemployment or any other State benefit, and who are unable to obtain employment.

(2) Such relief shall only be given after full enquiry into the circumstances of each case, and shall be in the form in which Outdoor Relief is usually given by the Guardians to persons eligible for such relief under Section 1 of the Poor Relief Extension Act, 1847 (10 Vic., cap. 31).

(3) If after consideration of any case the Guardians consider it desirable, they may offer In-Door Relief notwithstanding that