

or awarded or paid otherwise, such compensation may be taken into account in assessing any pension, allowance or gratuity payable in respect of such injury or death, and such pension, allowance, or gratuity may be reduced, suspended, or disallowed accordingly, and where the compensation is received after assessment it may be taken into account, and the assessment may be amended or cancelled accordingly, but no such reduction, suspension, disallowance, amendment, or cancellation will be made in the case of an injury in respect of which an award under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts is made where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Ministry and the Ministry of Finance that in assessing such compensation the Court had cognizance of the fact that a pension or gratuity had been or would be awarded under the terms of this Order without reference to the decision of the Court on such claim for compensation.

Provided also that where a member of the force, or any widow, child or dependant of a member of the force is entitled to or is already in receipt of any pension, allowance, or gratuity from the Imperial Government in respect of the incapacity or death of such member resulting from service in the Navy, Army, or Air Force, or has commuted such pension or allowance or any part thereof, the amount of such pension, allowance or gratuity may be taken into consideration in the assessment of any pension, allowance or gratuity under this Order, and such pension, allowance or gratuity may be reduced, suspended or disallowed accordingly, if, in all the circumstances of the case, it seems equitable so to do.

This Article shall have effect and shall be deemed to have had effect from the date of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order, 1923.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY WHO JOIN THE ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY.

2. Without prejudice to the Memorandum of Agreement dated 13th March, 1923, entitled "Royal Irish Constabulary. Apportionment of Pensions, Compensation Allowances and Gratuities," made between the British Government and the Government of Northern Ireland and confirmed by the Joint Exchequer Board on the 3rd day of April, 1923, under the provisions of Section 32 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, as amended by the First Schedule to the Irish Free State (Consequential Provisions) Act, 1922 (Section 2) the following provisions shall apply to members of the force who joined the force prior to 1st November, 1922, after disbandment from the Royal Irish Constabulary:

(1) In the calculation of pensions or gratuities payable to such members, or of the pensions, allowances and gratuities payable to their widows and children and dependants the following methods shall be adopted:—

(a) When the member retires approved service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and in the force combined shall be reckoned for purposes of pension and from the amount of pension arrived at by such reckoning, hereinafter termed the gross pension, there shall be deducted the amount of compensation allowance awarded on disbandment, and the balance, if any, shall be the amount of pension to be awarded in respect of service in the force.

When the combined service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and in the force so calculated does not entitle the member to a pension, no pension or gratuity shall be awarded in addition to the compensation allowance awarded on disbandment.

(b) When the member retires during the term of years which represent the added years granted on disbandment, and with a higher rank than that which he held on disbandment, to the gross pension calculated as in Sub-Section (a) of this Article there shall be added the proportion of the disbandment allowance attributable to the number of added years granted on disbandment which have not been served in the force and from the sum of the amounts so arrived at, there shall be deducted the amount of the compensation allowance awarded on disbandment, and the balance shall be the amount

of pension to be awarded in respect of service in the force.

(c) Where the member dies, approved service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and in the force combined shall be reckoned for the purpose of calculating the pension allowance and gratuity to his widow and children, and from the amount of such pension, allowance or gratuity, as the case may be, arrived at by such reckoning, there shall be deducted the amount of pension, allowance or gratuity to which the widow and children may be entitled under the provisions of Rule 4 of Part I of the Schedule to the Constabulary (Ireland) Act, 1922, and the balance, if any, shall be the amount to be awarded in respect of the deceased's service in the force. When the combined service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and in the force so calculated does not entitle the widow and children to pension, allowance or gratuity, no pension allowance or gratuity shall be awarded in addition to the grant made under the Constabulary (Ireland) Act, 1922.

This Article shall have effect and shall be deemed to have had effect from the date of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order, 1923.

(2) For all purposes of pension, gratuity or allowances under this section, and for all other purposes of this Order, service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and the force shall be reckoned as continuous service, even though a period shall elapse between the date of disbandment and the date of enlistment in the force.

Provided, however, that such period, not having been served in either force, shall not be reckoned when calculating combined service.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT SUBSEQUENT TO DISCHARGE ON PENSION.

(3) Where a member of the force has been awarded a pension in consequence of an injury received on duty without his own default, and the Ministry is satisfied on the evidence of some duly qualified medical practitioner or practitioners selected by it with the approval of the Ministry of Finance that the member's state of health, resulting from such injury, necessitates treatment in hospital subsequent to his discharge on pension, payment of hospital expenses may be made by the Ministry subject to such terms and conditions, including temporary re-assessment of pension, as may be determined from time to time by the Ministry with the consent of the Ministry of Finance.

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 an Order dated the 2nd day of February, 1924, made in pursuance of the provisions of Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") did authorise the Guardians of the Poor of the Belfast Union to administer relief out of the Workhouse of the said Union for a period of two months from the date of the said Order to poor persons of any description resident in the District Electoral Divisions comprising the County Borough of Belfast, subject to certain conditions therein set forth:

And whereas by five further Orders of the Ministry, dated the 2nd day of April, 1924, the 3rd day of June, 1924, the 9th day of August, 1924, the 3rd day of October, 1924, and the 3rd day of December, 1924, the Ministry did authorise the said Guardians of the Poor of Belfast Union to administer relief as aforesaid for a further period which expires on the 3rd day of February, 1925: