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At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 1st day of April, 1922

PRESENT,

The KING'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council

WHEREAS by Article 17 of certain Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland dated the 6th day of December, 1921, it is provided as follows:—

"By way of provisional arrangement for the administration of Southern Ireland during the interval which must elapse between the date hereof and the constitution of a Parliament and Government of the Irish Free State in accordance therewith, steps shall be taken forthwith for summoning a meeting of members of Parliament elected for constituencies in Southern Ireland since the passing of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and for constituting a provisional Government, and the British Government shall take the steps necessary to transfer to such provisional Government the powers and machinery requisite for the discharge of its duties, provided that every member of such provisional Government shall have signified in writing his or her acceptance of this instrument. But this arrangement shall not continue in force beyond the expiration of twelve months from the date hereof:—"

And whereas by the Irish Free State (Agreement) Act, 1922, it is provided that the said Articles of Agreement shall have the force of law as from the date of the passing of that Act, and that for the purpose of giving effect to the said Article 17, Orders in Council may be made transferring to the Provisional Government

established under that Article (in this Order referred to as the Provisional Government) the powers and machinery therein referred to, and that as soon as may be and not later than four months after the passing of the said Act, the Parliament of Southern Ireland shall be dissolved and such steps shall be taken as may be necessary for holding, in accordance with the law now in force with respect to the franchise number of members and method of election and holding of elections to that Parliament, an election of members for the constituencies which would have been entitled to elect members to that Parliament, and the members so elected shall constitute the House of the Parliament (in this Order referred to as the Provisional Parliament) to which the Provisional Government shall be responsible, and that Parliament shall, as respects matters within the jurisdiction of the Provisional Government have power to make laws in like manner as the Parliament of the Irish Free State when constituted, and that any such Order in Council may contain such incidental consequential or supplemental provisions as may appear to be necessary or proper for the purpose of giving effect to the foregoing provisions of the said Act.

And whereas the departments of the Provisional Government mentioned in Part I of the Schedule to this Order have been constituted by that Government to discharge the functions therein mentioned as assigned to them respectively:

And whereas the Exchequer of the Provisional Government has been constituted subject to regulations which have been made by the Provisional Government and are set out in Part II of the Schedule to this Order.