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THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Lurgan Union; to the Guardians of the Poor of the Armagh Union; and to all others whom it may concern:

WHEREAS by Section 1 of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1914, as amended by section 23 (4) of the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916, it is enacted in effect as follows:—

(1) The Local Government Board for Ireland may by order modify or repeal the provisions of Section 9 of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1847 (which prohibits the giving of relief from the poor rates of a union to any person not within the union when so relieved) so far as respects any union specified in the Order, if, in the opinion of the Board, the modification or repeal is necessary or expedient for the better administration of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts, 1838 to 1900, and may by the same or any subsequent order make or provide for such adjustments and apportionments of the property, powers, duties, income, liabilities, and expenses of any Board of Guardians or other local authority affected as appear to the Board to be proper:

(2) An Order under this section may contain such consequential, incidental and supplementary provisions as the Board may deem necessary, and shall have effect as from any date which may be specified therein for the purpose:

And Whereas by virtue of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, the aforesaid functions of the Local Government Board for Ireland as regards services in Northern Ireland have been transferred to the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland:

And Whereas it is necessary and expedient for the better administration of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts, 1838 to 1900, that the provisions of Section 9 of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1847, should as respects the Lurgan Union and the Armagh Union be modified in order that certain destitute poor persons being inmates of the Workhouse of, or otherwise relieved in, the Lurgan Union, may be lawfully removed to and relieved in Armagh Union, and it is necessary to make and specify the provisions hereinafter appearing with respect to the said Unions:

Now therefore, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts, 1838 to 1914, as extended by section 23 (4) of the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916, and of all other powers in this behalf enabling it, but without prejudice to the power enabling it to make any subsequent order in this behalf, hereby orders and declares as respects the Lurgan Union and the Armagh Union in manner following, that is to say:—

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9 of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1847, destitute poor persons who by law were or shall be entitled to relief (other than outdoor relief or medical or surgical relief) in the Lurgan Union may be lawfully relieved in the Armagh Union until the Ministry shall otherwise direct.

2. The sum to be paid in respect of each destitute poor person received under the provisions of this Order from the Lurgan Union shall be such sum as may from time to time be agreed upon between the Guardians of the Poor of the Lurgan Union and the Guardians of the Poor of the Armagh Union, or in default of agreement as aforesaid, such sum as may be determined by the Ministry: