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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1931.

Office of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, Belfast. 2nd October, 1931.

A Meeting of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland took place at Government House, Hillsborough, to-day, at which the following were present:—

His Grace the Governor of Northern Ireland. The Rt. Hon. the Viscount Craigavon, D.L., M.P.

The Rt. Hon. H. M. Pollock, D.L., M.P.

The Rt. Hon. Sir R. Dawson Bates, D.L., M.P.

The Rt. Hon. J. M. Andrews, D.L., M.P.

The Rt. Hon. Sir E. M. Archdale, Bart., D.L., M.P.

The Rt. Hon. Mr. Justice Brown.

C. H. BLACKMORE.

Clerk of the Council.

Parliament Buildings, Belfast,

29th September, 1931.

This day His Grace the Governor of Northern Ireland was pleased, in the name of and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to give his Assent to the following Bill agreed upon by both Houses of the Parliament of Northern Ireland :----

Economy.

BY THE GOVERNOR AND PRIVY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN 'IRELAND.

ABERCORN.

ORDER IN COUNCIL MADE UNDER THE ECONOMY ACT (NORTHERN IRE-LAND), 1931, WITH RESPECT TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

WHEREAS by the Economy Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, it is enacted that the Governor of Northern Ireland may, in respect of certain services, including Unemployment Insurance, make such Orders in the Privy Council of Northern Ireland as appear to the said Governor to be expedient for the purposes of effecting economies in the expenditure falling to be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament, or out of any fund established by the enactments relating to any of the said services, and of effecting improvements in the arrangements for meeting such expenditure:

And whereas it is enacted by the said Act that any such Order may, among other things, make provision for increasing the contributions to be made to the Northern Irish unemployment fund and for the modification of statutory rights subsisting at the date when the provisions of the Order take effect:

And whereas it is expedient for the purposes aforesaid that the provisions hereinafter contained shall have effect:

Now, therefore, I James Albert Edward, Duke of Abercorn, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Governor of Northern 'Ireland, by and with the advice of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, by virtue of the enactments hereinbefore recited and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, do hereby order as follows:—

Rates of Contributions.

1. As from and after the 5th day of October, 1931, until the expiration of the extended period the contributions payable under the Acts by employed persons and their employers shall be at the respective rates set out in the First Schedule to this Order, and accordingly in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section three of the Act of 1925 a reference to that Schedule shall be substituted for the reference to the First Schedule to the Act of 1925, and the last-mentioned Schedule and section two of the Act of 1928, (except in so far as it relates