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THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

To the several Local Authorities and their Officers in Northern Ireland; and to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by sub-section (2) of Section 5 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), it is enacted in effect as follows:—

"Every Officer holding an office of profit under or in the gift of a local authority or committee or joint-committee wholly or partly appointed by that Authority shall make and subscribe the Declaration of Allegiance prescribed in Part III. of the Schedule to the Act.

- (a) in the case of an officer holding office at the date of the passing of the Act within one month after that date; or
- (b) in the case of an officer appointed after the passing of the Act, within one month after his appointment.

No officer appointed after the passing of the Act shall enter upon the duties of his office until he has made and subscribed the said Declaration of Allegiance, and if any officer fails to make and subscribe the declaration within the said month his appointment shall be void and of no effect."

And Whereas by sub-section (1) of Section 8 of the Act it is enacted as follows:—

"The expression "Local Authority" means the Council of any County, borough, urban or rural district, a Board of Guardians and the Commissioners of any town."

And whereas by sub-section (1) of Section 7 of the Act it is provided that the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland may make such Orders as appear to it to be necessary or proper for giving full effect to the Act:

Now, therefore, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of all powers in that behalf enabling the Ministry hereby orders and directs as follows, that is to say:—

- (1) Every officer holding an office of profit under or in the gift of a local authority or com-