deposit contributor towards the expenses incurred by the Insurance Committee in the administration of benefits, and that the sums so payable shall, except so far as they are payable out of moneys provided by Parliament, be deducted at the commencement of each year from the amount standing to his credit in the Post Office Fund:

And whereas by sub-section (1) of section 61 of the Act it is amongst other things provided that all sums payable in respect of deposit contributors for the purposes of administrative expenses in any year shall be paid or credited to the Insurance Committee at the commencement of that year, but doubts have arisen as to whether amounts may be so paid or credited to the Insurance Committee in respect of the period before the commencement of the year 1913, and as to the time at which those amounts are to be paid or credited:

And whereas it is necessary that Insurance Committees should incur expenses for the purposes of the administration of benefits before the commencement of the said year, and it is expedient that for the purposes of paragraph (e) of section 42 and section 61 of the Act the 13th day of January should be deemed to be the commencement of the said year:

And whereas by section 42 of the Act all insured persons who have not become members of Approved Societies within the time or times specified in the Regulations made under the said section are deposit contributors to whom the provisions of the said section apply:

And whereas by section 78 of the Act it is amongst other things enacted that if any difficulty arises in respect of bringing into operation Part I of the Act, the Insurance Commissioners, with the consent of the Treasury, may by Order do anything which appears to them necessary or expedient for bringing that Part of the Act into operation, and that any such Order may modify the provisions of the Act as far as may appear necessary or expedient for carrying the Order into effect;

Now therefore the Insurance Commissioners, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by section 78 of the Act, with the consent of the Treasury, hereby order as follows:—

- I. All persons in respect of whom contributions under the Act are paid in accordance with the provisions of the Act at any time not later than the 12th day of January, 1913, who have not become members of an Approved Society within the time or times specified in the Regulations made under section 42 of the Act shall, for the purposes of this Order, be deemed to have been deposit contributors as from the date of their entry into insurance until such date, if any, not being later than the 13th day of January, 1913, on which they become members of an Approved Society.
- II.—(1.) For the purpose of defraying expenses incurred by Insurance Committees in the administration of benefits during the period from the 15th day of July, 1912, to the 12th day of January, 1913, both inclusive, there shall be deducted and paid or credited to Insurance Committees, at such times and in such manner and in such proportion as the Commissioners may direct, from the several amounts from time to time standing to the

credit of deposit contributors in the Post Office Fund, a sum equal to \{\frac{1}{2}d\}. in respect of each contribution paid during the said period.

- (2.) In the application of this paragraph to deposit contributors of the age of 65 and upwards and under the age of 70 on the 15th day of July, 1912, and to aliens, \$\frac{3}{2}d\$. shall be substituted for \$\frac{1}{2}d\$.
- (3.) For the purpose of calculating the amount to be deducted in accordance with this paragraph, each fraction of a penny shall be reckoned as a penny.
 - (4) For the purposes of this paragraph:—
 The expression "deposit contributor" includes a person who, by virtue of the preceding paragraphs of this Order, is deemed to be a deposit contributor.

The expression "alien" means a person of the age of 17 years or upwards who is not a British subject and to whom section 45 of the Act applies.

III. As respects the year 1913, the commencement of the year shall, for the purposes of paragraph (e) of section 42 and section 61 of the Act, be taken to be the 13th day of January.

IV. This Order may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors Administration Expenses) Order, 1912.

L. S. Given under the Seal of Office of the said Insurance Commissioners, this 14th day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

Claud Schuster,
Secretary.

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National Health Insurance (Payments to Insurance Committees) Order, 1912, dated the 14th day of October, 1912, made by the National Health Insurance Commissioners (England) under Section 78 of the National Insurance Act, 1911 (1 & 2 Geo. 5, c. 55).

Whereas by section 54 of the National Insurance Act, 1911 (in this Order called "the Act"), it is amongst other things enacted that the sums required to meet expenditure properly incurred by Insurance Committees for the purposes of administration shall be paid out of the National Health Insurance Fund (in this Order referred to as "the Fund"):

And whereas the moneys available for such purposes are derived in part from moneys credited to such Approved Societies as have members resident in the area of the Insurance Committee in accordance with sub-section (6) of section 15 and sub-section (1) of section 61 of the Act, and in part from a sum payable in respect of each member of an Approved Society, being an insured person and resident in the said area, in accordance with sub-section (2) of section 61 of the Act, and in part from a sum payable in respect of each deposit contributor resident within the said area in accordance with paragraphs (c) and (e) of section 42 of the Act: