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FRIDAY, 30 MARCH, 1923.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of March, 1923.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THEREAS by Section 69 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, His Majesty was empowered by Order in Council to. make such Regulations as seemed necessary or proper for setting in motion the Parliaments and Governments of Southern and Northern Ireland, and also for any other matter for which it seemed to His Majesty necessary or proper to make provision for the purpose of bringing the said Act into full operation or for giving full effect to any of the provisions of the said Act, and in particular His Majesty was empowered, amongst other things, by any such Order in Council to make such adaptation of any enactments as appear to Him necessary or proper with respect to the execution of reserved services and services with respect to which the Parliaments of Southern Ireland and Northern Ireland had not power to make laws:

And whereas by Sections 4 and 5 of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888 (hereinafter referred to as the Act of 1888), certain powers in respect of the nomination of an ex-officio

Commissioner of the Railway and Canal Commission were conferred upon the Lord Chancellor of Ireland:

And whereas by the Supreme Court of Judicature (Northern Ireland) Order, 1921, and the Supreme Court of Judicature (Southern Ireland) Order, 1921 (being Orders in Council made under Section 69 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and expressed to have effect subject to any subsequent Order in Council made under the said Act), certain adaptations were made of the provisions of Section 4 of the Act of 1888:

And whereas by the Irish Free State (Consequential Provisions) Act, 1922, it is provided that, subject to the provisions of the First Schedule to that Act, the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, shall cease to apply to any part of Ireland other than Northern Ireland:

And whereas it is expedient that the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of the Act of 1888 should in their application to Northern Ireland be adapted in manner hereinafter appearing, and that so much of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Northern Ireland) Order, 1921, as relates to the said Section 4 should be revoked:

And whereas it is necessary on account of the urgency of the matters dealt with by this Order that this Order should come into operation forthwith: