

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 1st day of *June*, 1926.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty The King and His Majesty the King of Denmark and Iceland have concluded a Convention to provide for and facilitate the reciprocal enjoyment by their respective subjects and citizens of the benefits of the legislation in force in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and in Denmark respectively, in regard to compensation for accidents arising out of their employment:

And whereas effect cannot be given to the said Convention unless and until certain arrangements have been made by His Majesty's Government and by the Danish Government, which arrangements involve certain modifications of the law at present in force in Great Britain and Northern Ireland in regard to Workmen's Compensation:

And whereas it is provided by Section 37 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, that for the purpose of giving effect to any Convention with a Foreign State providing for reciprocity in matters relating to compensation to workmen for injuries by accident, His Majesty may, by Order in Council, make provision—

(a) for modifying that Act, and the enactments regulating the payment of compensation to workmen for injuries by accident for the time being in force in Northern Ireland, in their application to cases affected by the said Convention, so, however, as not to alter the amount of compensation in any case to which those Acts may apply;

(b) for determining, in cases where rights to compensation accrue both under the Acts referred to in paragraph (a) hereof and under the law of the State with which the Convention is made, under the law of which country the workman shall be entitled to recover compensation;

(c) for conferring on county courts powers for the admission of evidence taken abroad and the procuring and taking of evidence for use abroad, or otherwise for the purpose of facilitating proceedings for the recovery of compensation under the respective laws of the two countries.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the powers vested in Him by the above-mentioned provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, and of any other powers vested in Him in that behalf, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order and prescribe as follows:—

(1) The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, and the enactments regulating the payment of compensation to workmen for injuries by accident at present in force in Northern Ireland, hereinafter referred to as the Acts, shall in the case of workmen who are Danish subjects apply subject to the following modifications:—

(i) In all cases any question as to liability to pay compensation under the Acts to a Danish subject or as to the amount or duration of such compensation, including any question as to the amount payable in respect of the redemption of weekly payments, and in cases of death the amount payable to each dependant, shall be settled by an award of the County Court and in no other manner.

(ii) No Court fee shall be payable by a workman who is a Danish subject or by the dependants of such workman in respect of any proceedings under the Acts in the County Court by way of arbitration or otherwise in connection with the settlement of any claim or other matter arising under the Acts.

(iii) The Registrar of every County Court shall, not later than the 31st January in each year, send to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in a form prescribed by him, a record of all judicial decisions given in the course of the preceding year under the Acts in the case of Danish subjects and the said Secretary of State shall cause such record to be communicated to the Ministry of Social Affairs in Denmark.

(iv) The power of making Rules under the Acts shall include a power to make such Rules as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying the said Convention or this Order into effect. Such Rules may include provisions authorising a County Court (a) to order the transfer to the appropriate Danish Authority of any compensation due under the Acts for the benefit of any British or Danish workman or dependants of such workman resident in Denmark, and (b) to receive and administer any compensation awarded under the Danish Accident Insurance Law for the benefit of any British or Danish workman or dependants of such workman resident in Great Britain or Northern Ireland.

(2) For the purpose of proceedings under the Acts by or on behalf of dependants of Danish workmen, such dependants being resident in Denmark, County Courts shall, notwithstanding anything in Section 17 of the County Courts Act, 1919, have power to issue Letters of Request for the examination of witnesses resident in Denmark and the duly authenticated statements of such witnesses in answer to any such Letter of Request shall be admissible in evidence in lieu of oral testimony by such witnesses.

(3) For the purpose of claims to compensation by the dependants of workmen who are British subjects under the Danish Accident Insurance Law, County Courts shall have power to examine on oath witnesses within the jurisdiction of such Courts and to reduce to writing and duly authenticate for transmission to Denmark the statements of witnesses so examined.

(4) In the application of this Order to Scotland "County Court" shall mean "Sheriff Court," and "Registrar of the County Court" shall mean "Sheriff Clerk," and "Rules" shall mean "Act of Sederunt."

M. P. A. Hankey.

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WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say,