

COUNTY COURT SERVICE.**Conditions of Appointment and Service of Officers.**

MADE BY THE GOVERNOR OF NORTHERN IRELAND, UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND AND OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 13 (1) OF THE COUNTY OFFICERS AND COURTS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

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WHEREAS it is provided by Section 13 (1) of the County Officers and Courts Act (Northern Ireland), 1925 (hereinafter called "the Act"), as follows:—

" 13.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act the Governor of Northern Ireland shall have power to make regulations, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland and of the Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland, for prescribing all or any of the following matters:—

- (a) the duties and hours of attendance of persons employed in the county court service;
- (b) the classification, and conditions governing the promotion of such persons;
- (c) the conditions for appointment to the county court service; and
- (d) any other matter required to be prescribed for the purpose of giving full effect to this Act."

NOW THEREFORE I, JAMES ALBERT EDWARD, DUKE OF ABERCORN, GOVERNOR OF NORTHERN IRELAND, hereby make the following Regulations in pursuance of the foregoing section upon the recommendation of the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland and of the Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland:—

Appointments and Transfers.

1.—(a) New entrants to established posts in the County Court Service shall, except in the case of the appointment of a Clerk of the Crown and Peace, be selected by the Civil Service Commissioners for Northern Ireland (hereinafter called "the Commissioners") who shall, with the concurrence of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Finance determine the method of recruitment and of examination.

(b) Persons so selected shall require to have a certificate of qualification issued in their favour by the Commissioners and no appointment to an established post shall be made under Section 1 (3) of the Act unless such certificate shall have been issued.

(c) Such new entrants shall be regarded as on probation for the first two years of service and their appointments shall not be confirmed unless the Clerk of the Crown and Peace under whom they are serving is satisfied that they have furnished during the period of probation satisfactory proof of fitness (including physical fitness) for the appointments.

2.—(a) Established appointments in the County Court Service shall, in addition to the posts of Clerk of the Crown and Peace or permanent deputy for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, Belfast, be classified as follows:—

The Registrar for Belfast ;
 Staff Clerk ;
 Senior Clerk ;
 Clerk ;
 Clerk Typist.

(b) The numbers of appointments in each grade and in each county and borough and the salaries, scales of salary, and remuneration for each post or for any person appointed to any such post shall be fixed from time to time by the Minister of Home Affairs in conjunction with the Minister of Finance.

3.—(a) Transfers or promotions in the County Court Service shall be made on the direction of the Minister of Home Affairs who shall have due regard to the claims and qualifications of the officers in the service and to the recommendations of the Clerk or Clerks of the Crown and Peace concerned.

(b) Subject to the provisions of Section 1 (4) of the Act, all officers shall be liable to transfer from the office in one County or Borough to the office in another, and such transfers may be effected either for the purpose of securing promotion for the officer concerned or for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the same grade as his own (hereinafter referred to as a "transfer.")

Any regulations from time to time in force regarding the removal expenses of officers in the Civil Service of Northern Ireland shall apply to officers in the County Court Service who have been so transferred.

(c) Where, for any reason, it is in the opinion of the Minister of Home Affairs impracticable to fill a vacancy for a post superior to that of clerk by promotion or transfer, the vacancy shall be filled through the medium of the Civil Service Commissioners and the provisions of paragraph 1 shall apply.

4.—(a) Appointments to the office of Clerk of the Crown and Peace shall be made on the recommendation of the Minister of Home Affairs, subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance as regards numbers, salary and remuneration.

(b) Transfers of a Clerk of the Crown and Peace from one County to another shall be made by the Governor on the recommendation of the Minister of Home Affairs after first securing the consent of the transferee or transferees.

5. Unestablished officers and temporary employees may be appointed in such manner, on such conditions, and for such times as the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Finance may in each case determine.

Duties.

6. A person appointed to the office of Clerk of the Crown and Peace shall perform such duties as are by law or prescription attached to that office, and if any question arises whether a duty is appropriate to a Clerk of the Crown and Peace, the matter shall be determined by the Minister of Home Affairs after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland.

7. A person appointed to the office of permanent deputy for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, Belfast, shall discharge such duties of the office of Clerk of the Crown and Peace as the said Clerk of the Crown and Peace with the approval of the Minister of Home Affairs shall direct him in writing to discharge, a copy of such direction being transmitted to the Lord Chief Justice. In the discharge of such duties under such direction, the said person shall have all the powers of the said Clerk of the Crown and Peace under Section 17 of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, but shall be responsible to the said Clerk of the Crown and Peace as respects the exercise of such power and the discharge of such duties.

8. A person appointed to the office of Registrar for Belfast shall discharge such duties as are by law or prescription attached to the office of a Registrar of Civil Bill Courts, and such other duties of the Crown and Peace Office as may be assigned to him by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

9.—(a) A Person appointed to any other office in the County Court service shall perform such duties appropriate to the County Court service as may be assigned to him by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace under whom he is serving, and he may be required to perform such duties in connection with the functions exercised by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace as Local Registering Authority or as Clerk to Commissions of Oyer and Terminer or Courts of Assize.

(b) No person appointed to any office in the County Court Service shall be employed during official hours on any duties other than those hereinbefore described as appropriate to his situation, and no such person other than a Clerk of the Crown and Peace shall be entitled to receive out of public funds or funds provided by a local authority remuneration in respect of duties other than those aforesaid, save with the prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs given with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance.

Attendance, Leave, etc.

10. Officers in the County Court Service shall be required to attend for duty for not less than eight hours on each working day (inclusive of a luncheon interval not exceeding one hour) but may, subject to the exigencies of public business, be allowed a half holiday on Saturdays.

11. Attendance books shall be kept in the office of each Clerk of the Crown and Peace for the purpose of recording the times of arrival and departure of persons employed therein.

12.—(a) The allowance of annual holidays for officers employed in the County Court Service shall be determined by the Ministry of Finance and shall correspond as far as possible to that granted to officers of analogous rank and rates of pay in the Civil Service of Northern Ireland ; such allowance may vary with the length of service of the officer concerned.

For the purpose of this regulation, service shall be deemed to count from the date on which the officer having been admitted to the County Court service entered on his duties.

In addition to the above-mentioned holidays, the allowance of which is in all cases subject to the necessities of providing for the efficient and expeditious discharge of public business, officers may be granted holidays, subject to the same proviso, on the days prescribed as holidays in the Order made in that behalf on the 28th February, 1910, by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, or in any Order amending the same.

(b) Officers may be granted leave during illness to such extent as under any Regulations from time to time in force is allowable to officers of analogous rank and rates of pay in the Civil Service of Northern Ireland.

Retirement.

13. An officer—

(a) shall retire on attaining the age of 65, but it shall be competent for the Minister of Home Affairs on the recommendation of the Clerk of the Crown and Peace to call upon him to retire at any time after attaining the age of 60 ;

(b) may at any time be retired on grounds of permanent incapacity by reason of bodily or mental infirmity or on grounds of misconduct or incompetence.

14. The foregoing Regulation shall apply to a Clerk of the Crown and Peace and to the Registrar for Belfast, with the following modifications, viz., for 60 years there shall be substituted 65 years, and for 65 years there shall be substituted 72 years ; and in the case of a Clerk of the Crown and Peace, the words " on the

recommendation of the Clerk of the Crown and Peace" under (a) shall be deemed to be omitted; and, further, no Clerk of the Crown and Peace shall be removed for misconduct or incompetence save by an Order of the Governor made on the recommendation of the Minister of Home Affairs, who shall, before making such recommendation, consult the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland.

Given at Government House, Hillsborough, this twentieth day of December, 1927.

By His Grace's Command.

(Signed) *R. Dawson Bates.*

(Signed) *H. M. Pollock.*

DANGEROUS DRUGS.

(Approved Institutions.)

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, APPROVING CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT, 1920 (a) (AUTHORITY FOR PERSONS IN CHARGE OF LABORATORIES ATTACHED TO CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS TO USE THE DRUGS).

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In pursuance of the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920 (a) I hereby approve the Institutions named in the Schedules annexed hereto for the purpose of the provisions in No. 5 of the Raw Opium Regulations, 1921, (b) and in No. 11 of the Dangerous Drugs Regulations, 1921, (c) which authorise any person in charge of a laboratory for purposes of research or instruction attached to an Institution approved by the Secretary of State to be in possession of the drugs to which the Act applies (hereinafter referred to as "the drugs.").

This approval shall remain in force only so long as the following conditions and the additional condition specified in the Schedule B, are complied with:—

- (1) the person in charge of the laboratory shall keep all supplies of the drugs under lock and key and in his own charge, and shall only issue to persons working in the laboratory or laboratories such quantities as shall be immediately required in the course of research or instruction; and

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 5, c. 46; (b) S. R. & O., 1921, No. 864; (c) S. R. & O., 1921, No. 865.