

Whereas by sub-section (3) of section one of the Ministries Act (Northern Ireland), 1940, it is provided that the Governor of Northern Ireland may by order transfer to the Ministry of Public Security established by the said Act (in this order referred to as "the Ministry") from any department any functions exercisable by such department (whether under any enactment or otherwise) in relation to or connected with any of the purposes mentioned in sub-section (2) of the said section, that is to say, public security, civil defence, the preservation of the peace and the maintenance of order, the co-ordination of civil defence services and the protection of persons and property from injury or damage, in the present emergency, or may by order direct that the Ministry and such department shall exercise any of the said functions concurrently :

Now I, James Albert Edward, Duke of Abercorn, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Governor of Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sub-section (3) of section one of the said Act, and of all other powers enabling me in this behalf, do hereby order that the following functions shall be, and are hereby, transferred to the Ministry, that is to say :—

1.—The functions exercisable by the Ministry of Home Affairs under the Civil Defence Acts (Northern Ireland), 1938 and 1939.

2.—The functions exercisable by the Minister of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs in relation to the Royal Ulster Constabulary and to Special Constables whether under the Constabulary Acts (Northern Ireland), 1922 to 1934, or the Special Constables Act, 1914, or otherwise, except functions exercisable under the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Acts (Northern Ireland), 1922 and 1933.

Given at the Houses of Parliament, Stormont, this 25th day of June, one thousand nine hundred and forty.

By His Grace's Command.

Craigavon.

Prohibition of Processions.

1940. No. 69.

Whereas it is provided by sub-section 2 of Section 1 of the Ministries Act (Northern Ireland), 1940, that the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") shall have power to issue such Orders as the Minister of Public Security for Northern Ireland may consider necessary

for public security, civil defence, the preservation of the peace and the maintenance of order, the co-ordination of the civil defence services, and the protection of persons and property from injury or damage in the present emergency :

And whereas the said Minister considers it necessary in the interests of public security and for the purpose of better providing for the protection of persons from injury to prohibit the holding during the present emergency of processions (other than funerals) in public places in Northern Ireland :

Now, therefore, the Ministry, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Ministries Act (Northern Ireland), 1940, hereby Orders as follows :—

1.—From and after the date of this Order the holding in any public place in Northern Ireland of any procession (other than a funeral) is hereby prohibited.

2.—From and after the date of this Order no person shall organise, hold, or take part in any such procession in any public place in Northern Ireland.

3.—In this Order the expression “ public place ” means any highway and any public bridge, road, lane, footway, square, court, alley, or passage, whether a thoroughfare or not, and includes any unenclosed space to which, for the time being, the public have or are permitted to have access.

4.—This Order shall not apply to anything done in the course of their duty by police officers or constables, or members of any of His Majesty's Forces.

5.—This Order may be cited as the Public Security (Prohibition of Processions) Order (Northern Ireland), 1940.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Public Security
this 4th day of July, Nineteen Hundred and Forty, in
the presence of

(L.S.)

J. C. MacDermott,
Minister of Public Security for
Northern Ireland.

1940. No. 155.

Whereas it is provided by sub-section 2 of Section 1 of the Ministries Act (Northern Ireland), 1940, that the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as “ the Ministry ”) shall have power to issue such Orders as the Minister