the Umpire may direct that in dealing with the appeal or any part thereof he shall have the assistance of an assessor or assessors.

(9) The Umpire may, if he thinks fit, refer any question arising for his decision to a registered medical practitioner for examination and report.

(10) The decision of the Umpire shall be in writing and signed by him, and he shall cause a copy thereof to be sent as soon as may be practicable to every person to or by whom notice of appeal was given and to any other person appearing to the Umpire to be interested."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 7th day of October, 1958, in the presence of

(L.S.) *H. A. Lowry,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, so as to provide for hearings by local tribunals and the Umpire to be held in private only if the chairman of the tribunal or the Umpire, as the case may be, is of the opinion that intimate personal or financial circumstances may have to be disclosed or that considerations of public security are involved. The regulations permit legal representation at hearings by local tribunals, and provide for appeal without leave to the Umpire from decisions of local tribunals.

Mariners Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1958

REGULATIONS, DATED 24TH JANUARY, 1958, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of powers conferred by section 55 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

(a) 1946, c. 23.