Downpatrick and Ardglass, Comber and Newcastle, and Belfast and Donaghadee :

AND WHEREAS a period of six months having elapsed after the date of the said Order, the Ulster Transport Authority have applied to the Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") for an Order for abandonment pursuant to the provisions of section 58 of the said Act authorising the abandonment of the railway lines and sections of railway line included in said Order for Discontinuance, and the Ministry is satisfied that the said application should be granted :

NOW THEREFORE the Ministry in exercise of the powers vested in it by section 58 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, hereby orders as follows :

1. That the Ulster Transport Authority are hereby authorised to abandon the railway lines and sections of railway line between the following points, that is to say :—between Ballynahinch Junction and Ballynahinch ; between Downpatrick and Ardglass ; between Comber and Newcastle, except that portion thereof which runs from the Railway Station, Newcastle, to the junction of the main line with the Castlewellan branch line ; and between Belfast and Donaghadee, except that portion thereof which runs from the Railway Station at Queen's Quay, Belfast, to Ballymacarrett Junction.

2. This Order may be cited as " The Transport Act (Abandonment of Railway Lines, County Down) Order, 1953 ", and shall come into force on the eighth day of July, 1953.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this eighth day of July one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three in the presence of :

(L.S.) (Sgd.) *W. J. Thompson,*
Assistant Secretary.

" AN ORDER FOR ABANDONMENT ", DATED THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1953, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT UNDER SECTION 58 OF THE TRANSPORT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948 (a).

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WHEREAS by virtue of an Arrangement dated the Tenth day of December, 1948, made in pursuance of the provisions of Section 65 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, between the British Transport Commission of 55 Broadway, Westminster, London, S.W.1., of the one part and the Ulster Transport Authority of the other part (which said Arrangement was subsequently, in pursuance of subsection 2 of the said Section, duly confirmed by each House of Parliament) that part of the undertaking of the British Transport Commission situate in Northern Ireland theretofore operated and managed

(a) 1948, Ch. 16 (N.I.)