Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Vice-Admiral, Governor of Northern Ireland, by and with the advice of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sub-section (2) of section nine of the Act, do hereby order as follows :—

1. This Order may be cited as the Control of Employment Act (End of Emergency) Order (Northern Ireland), 1948.

2. It is hereby declared that the twenty-seventh day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, is the date on which the emergency that was the occasion of the passing of the Act came to an end.

Given at Government House, Hillsborough, this twenty-eighth day of June, 1948.

J. M. Sinclair.
Brian Maginess.
S. H. Hall-Thompson.
R. Moore.

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WE, the undersigned members of the County Court Rules Committee appointed by the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland under sub-section (3) of section 2 of the County Courts (Salaries and Rules) Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, by virtue of the powers vested in us by section 2 of the said Act, do hereby make the Rules hereinafter set forth as county court rules to be in force in the Recorder's Court for the City of Belfast, and, in pursuance of the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 3 of the said Act, do hereby certify the same under our hands and do submit them to the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland.

(Signed) *Bernard J. Fox*
Isaac Copeland
H. A. McVeigh
Samuel Cumming
Geo. H. Pollock

I APPROVE of these Rules which shall come into force on the 15th day of May, 1948.

Dated the 26th day of April, 1948.

(Signed) *James Andrews*
Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland.

The scale of Court Fees provided for in Rule 13 has been fixed with consent of the Ministry of Finance.

IN WITNESS whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry has been affixed hereto this 11th day of May, 1948, in the presence of

John I. Cook,
(L.S.) Assistant Secretary.

1. These Rules may be cited as the County Court (Proceedings and Actions before the Registrar for Belfast) Rules, 1948 and shall apply to proceedings and actions brought in the Recorder's Court for the City of Belfast.

2. Subject to the provisions of these Rules, and to any general or special directions of the Recorder, the Registrar shall, at the place and times appointed by the Recorder, hear and determine such matters as are by these Rules to be heard and determined by the Registrar ; provided that the Clerk of the Crown and Peace shall have and, in the absence of the Registrar, may exercise all the powers by these Rules vested in the Registrar.

3.—(1) There may be entered for hearing by the Registrar —

(*a*) any action founded upon contract in which the defendant admits the claim or has not given notice of intention to dispute the claim in accordance with the provisions of these Rules ; and

(*b*) any action in which the sum claimed or the amount involved does not exceed the sum of Ten Pounds if the Recorder has, on the application of the parties, given leave for such case to be heard by the Registrar ;

Provided that no action shall be entered for hearing by the Registrar in —

(i) any proceeding under the Debtors (Ireland) Act, 1872 ;
(ii) any civil bill to enforce a right to recover possession of goods under the Hire Purchase Act (Northern Ireland), 1940.

(2) No action under paragraph (1) (*a*) of this Rule shall be so entered unless the civil bill shall have been served upon the defendant, where the amount claimed does not exceed Twenty Pounds, at least

six clear days, or, where the amount claimed exceeds Twenty Pounds, at least fifteen clear days, or, where it is sought to obtain a decree by default, at least fourteen clear days before the day appointed for the entry of cases for hearing by the Registrar. Such appointed day shall, in all cases, be not more than four clear days before such hearing by the Registrar.

4.—(1) Every civil bill intended for hearing by the Registrar shall be in the form prescribed by law for an ordinary civil bill except that—

(*a*) the defendant shall be required to attend before the Registrar on the day appointed ;

(*b*) it shall bear on the face thereof an endorsement in the Form No. 1 in the First Schedule hereto.

(2) All civil bills intended for hearing by the Registrar shall be entered by delivery by the plaintiff or his solicitor in the Crown and Peace Office, on the day appointed for that purpose, of such civil bills and also of a list thereof arranged in alphabetical order according to the surname of the plaintiff ; provided that no entry for hearing by the Registrar shall be accepted where a defendant has given notice of intention to dispute the plaintiff's claim or where the civil bill does not bear the endorsement provided by paragraph (1) (*b*) of this Rule.

(3) The provisions of the foregoing paragraphs of this Rule shall not apply to any action which is, on the application of the parties and by leave of the Recorder, to be heard by the Registrar. No such action shall be required to be re-entered for hearing by the Registrar if at the time of giving such leave the Recorder fixed the date upon which such action is to be heard by the Registrar.

5. Where in any action intended to be heard by the Registrar (other than an action to be heard by the Registrar on the application of the parties and by leave of the Recorder) a defendant intends to dispute the claim, he shall give notice of such intention in writing to the Clerk of the Crown and Peace within three clear days after service of the civil bill upon him and the Clerk of the Crown and Peace shall notify the plaintiff or his solicitor accordingly.

6. Where in any action intended to be heard by the Registrar (other than an action to be heard by the Registrar on the application of the parties and by leave of the Recorder) —

(*a*) a defendant gives notice under Rule 5 of intention to dispute the claim ; or

(*b*) a defendant gives notice of any defence or of any set-off or counterclaim ; or

(*c*) a defendant pays into court by way of tender a sum less than the full amount claimed or admits liability for a part only of the amount claimed ;

the action shall be entered by the plaintiff or his solicitor for hearing by the Recorder at the next ensuing sittings for the hearing of ordinary