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

J. C. MacDermott,
(L.S.) Minister of Public Security for Northern Ireland.

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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