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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 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 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 for the said purposes to control the sounding of church bells during the present emergency:

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

1.—No person shall, in any area in Northern Ireland, sound any church bell or cause or permit any church bell to be sounded except for the purpose of making a signal, in accordance with directions given by a commissioned officer of His Majesty's forces or the District Inspector of the Royal Ulster Constabulary for the area, to indicate that members of an enemy force are landing or attempting to land or have landed.

2.—In this Order the expression "church bell" includes the bell of any church, chapel or other place of public worship ordinarily used or intended for summoning persons to public worship or for any like purpose and any bell ordinarily used or intended for tolling at a cemetery.

3.—This Order may be cited as the Public Security (Church Bells) Order (Northern Ireland), 1940.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland this 4th day of July, Nineteen Hundred and Forty.

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

(L.S.)