satisfaction of the Ministry that the sum is needed for the benefit of such child, the Ministry may pay the sum or any part thereof to any person who may satisfy it that the person will apply such money for the benefit of such child, and the receipt of such person shall be a good discharge to the Ministry for the amount so paid.

(6) The Ministry upon making any payments in accordance with these Regulations shall be discharged from all liability in respect of any sum or sums so paid.

5. The Contributory Pensions (Payments on Death) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1930(a) are hereby revoked but without prejudice to anything duly done or suffered, or to any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, this 6th day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

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R. R. Bowman,
Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

Procedure on References.

REGULATIONS, DATED 22nd DECEMBER, 1937, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 32 (1) (*b*) OF THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1936.

1937. No. 140.

The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by paragraph (*b*) of sub-section (1) of Section 32 of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Contributory Pensions (Procedure on References) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1937.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 1938.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

(*a*) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1930, No. 50.

"the Acts" means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 and 1937;

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland;

"the Umpire" means the Umpire appointed by the Governor of Northern Ireland, and "the Registrar" means the Registrar of Appeals appointed by the Ministry;

"award" means an award or decision of the Ministry which may be referred to the Umpire under the Acts;

"hearing" means oral hearing.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Any person who is dissatisfied with an award and desires that the question shall be referred, shall make application in that behalf in writing to the Registrar.

4.—(1) The application for a reference shall contain a concise statement of the facts and contentions upon which the applicant intends to rely.

(2) Any person desiring to withdraw an application for reference may do so by sending to the Registrar a notice of withdrawal.

5. The Registrar shall furnish the Ministry with a copy of the application for a reference, and the Ministry shall within twenty-one days supply to the Registrar a statement showing to what extent it admits or disputes the facts stated in the application, and setting out any further facts and the contentions upon which it intends to rely at the hearing.

6. The Umpire may at any time require the applicant or the Ministry to furnish to him in writing further particulars with respect to the reference, and may at any stage of the proceedings allow the amendment of any application, statement, or particulars and extend the time for furnishing any statement or particulars upon such terms as he may think just.

7. If the Umpire is of opinion that the case is of such a nature that it can properly be determined without a hearing, he may dispense with a hearing and may determine the reference summarily.

8. If in the opinion of the Umpire a hearing is required he shall, as soon as may be, fix a date and place for the hearing, and the Registrar shall send to the applicant and to the Ministry not less than seven days' notice thereof and shall at the same time