1965. No. 276 **[NC]**

COUNTY COURTS

Manner of Payment of Fees

ORDER, DATED 15TH DECEMBER, 1965, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF THE PUBLIC OFFICES FEES ACT 1879(a) WITH THE CONSENT OF THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.

Whereas by an Order(b) made under Section 146 of the County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(c) on the 10th day of December, 1965, and coming into operation on the 1st day of February, 1966, the Minister of Home Affairs prescribed certain County Court Rules and County Court Orders.

And whereas Order 45 of and Appendix ZM to those Rules and Orders have prescribed a new scale of fees to be taken in respect of the several proceedings therein specified.

Now therefore the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 2 and 3 of the Public Offices Fees Act 1879(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Lord Chief Justice, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation, etc.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the County Court (Payment of Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1965 and shall come into operation on the 1st day of February, 1966.

(2) The Order(d) made by the Ministry of Finance on the 15th day of April, 1926, under the said Sections 2 and 3 of the Public Offices Fees Act 1879 with respect to the manner of payment of fees in civil bill courts shall cease to have effect on the coming into operation of this Order.

Fees to be Collected by Stamps

2. The fees prescribed by the Order 45 and Appendix ZM above referred to and all fees prescribed by any other transferred provision in respect of any business in the County Courts shall be collected by means of stamps.

Impressed and Adhesive Stamps

3. The stamps representing the fees prescribed as aforesaid in respect of ordinary, default, summary and ejectment civil bills shall be impressed stamps and the stamps representing all other fees so prescribed may be either impressed or adhesive stamps.

Dies

4. Impressed stamps shall be impressed by appropriate County Court dies or by general duty dies in the possession of the Ministry of Finance as that Ministry may decide and such general duty stamps shall be so marked as to indicate that the stamps are allocated to County Court fees.

Design of Stamps

5. Adhesive stamps shall be of a design appropriated to the County Courts.

(a) 42 & 43 Vict. c. 58.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 261.
(c) 1959. c. 25.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1926, No. 41.

Cancellation of Stamps

6. All adhesive stamps shall as soon as they are received as fees in the several courts be effectually cancelled by the proper officers of those courts by means of a rubber stamp and indelible ink.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 15th day of December, 1965.

(L.S.) *R. R. Butler,*
Assistant Secretary.

I hereby consent to the foregoing Order.

MacDermott,
Lord Chief Justice of
Northern Ireland.

17th December, 1965.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order regulates the manner in which county court fees are payable. It provides that the fees are payable by stamps of a certain description.