The Order provides that subject to the express rules therein laid down, the Tribunal has the power to regulate its own procedure. Special rules are provided, in Article 17, for the procedure on an application under section 21 (2) (*b*) of the Act to have a person named as the " owner " of land who would not be treated as the owner apart from a determination of the Tribunal; such an application differs from the normal case of an " appeal " against a proposal or a decision of the Minister.

The time and manner in which a normal application for reference to the Tribunal is to be made, are prescribed in the Agriculture (Reference to Agricultural Land Tribunals) Regulations, 1948 (S.I. 1948 No. 193).

The above-mentioned Orders and Regulations (including the present Order) come into operation on 1st March, 1948.

The Agriculture (Procedure of Agricultural Land Tribunals) (No. 2) Order, 1948

1948 No. 2751

Made - - - -	*16th December,* 1948
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In pursuance of subsection (3) of section seventy-three of the Agriculture Act, 1947(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) The Secretary of a Committee served with a request in writing that a decision of the Minister or a proposal of the Minister to take any action shall be referred to the Tribunal shall, at the same time as he serves on the applicant the documents specified in Part II of the First Schedule to the principal Order, serve the like documents on any other person who availed himself of an opportunity to make representations to the Minister afforded to him under the provisions of the Act relating to the subject-matter of the reference, together with a copy of the applicant's request in writing that the decision or proposal of the Minister be referred to the Tribunal.

(2) For the purposes of the preceding paragraph of this Article, there shall be substituted for the reference to the applicant in the said Part II of the First Schedule a reference to the person served under the preceding paragraph of this Article.

2. A copy of any statement and any documents served under the principal Order on the Secretary of the said Committee by the applicant shall be served by the Secretary of the said Committee as soon as may be practicable, and in any case before the date fixed for the hearing, on any person entitled to be served with documents under Article 1 of this Order:

Provided that the Secretary of the said Committee may comply with the requirements of this Article by affording to any such person a reasonable opportunity before the date fixed for the hearing of inspecting and taking a copy of any such statement and any such documents as aforesaid.

3. The Chairman of the Tribunal shall, at the same time as he causes to be served upon the applicant a notice of the hearing, cause a notice to the like effect to be served on any person who availed himself of an opportunity to make representations to the Minister afforded to him under the provisions of the Act relating to the subject-matter of the reference.

(**a**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.

4. The provisions of paragraph (1) of Article 6, Article 7, Article 8, paragraphs (1) and (3) of Article 11, paragraph (2) of Article 12 and paragraph (2) of Article 16 of the principal Order shall apply in relation to any such person as is referred to in the last preceding Article of this Order as they apply to the applicant.

5. In paragraph (1) of Article 4 of the principal Order, for the words " fix a date for the hearing " there shall be substituted the words " fix a date and place for the hearing ", and for the words " shall at the same time send " there shall be substituted the words " shall cause to be sent at the same time ".

6.—(1) In this Order, the expression " principal Order " means the Agriculture (Procedure of Agricultural Land Tribunals) Order, 1948(**a**): and the provisions of this Order shall be construed as one with the principal Order.

(2) In this Order and the principal Order, the expression " the Act " shall mean (as the context requires) the Agriculture Act, 1947, or the Agricultural Holdings Act, 1948(**b**), and includes regulations and orders made under either of the said Acts.

(3) This Order may be cited as the Agriculture (Procedure of Agricultural Land Tribunals) (No. 2) Order, 1948 ; and this Order and the principal Order may be cited together as the Agriculture (Procedure of Agricultural Land Tribunals) Orders, 1948.

(4) This Order shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1949.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 16th day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

(L.S.) *T. Williams.*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Agriculture (Procedure of Agricultural Land Tribunals) Order, 1948 (S.I. 1948 No. 186), which came into operation on 1st March, 1948, provided in general that there should be two parties to every reference of a matter to the Agricultural Land Tribunal—namely, the person applying for the reference, and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, out of whose decision or proposal the reference to the Tribunal arises. It was left to the Tribunal to require the attendance before them of other persons, if not called as a witness by one or other of the parties. The present Order, which comes into operation on 1st January, 1949, provides that any other person interested in the subject-matter of the reference who availed himself of his statutory right to make representations to the Minister before the Minister's decision or proposal was made, shall, in effect, be made a party to the reference at the outset of the proceedings, with similar rights at the hearing to the person applying for the reference. Thus in cases arising between landlord and tenant, where the Minister's decision or proposal is bound to be in favour of one party and unfavourable to the other, representations from both sides having first been heard, the successful party will, under this Order, have an independent right to be treated as a party to any appeal to the Tribunal by the unsuccessful party.

Minor drafting amendments are also made by this Order to Article 4 of the principal Order which deals with the giving of notice of hearing to the parties and the Committee.

(**a**) S.I. 1948 No. 186, p. 13 above. (**b**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 63.