1972 No. 965 (N.I.5)

NORTHERN IRELAND

The County Courts (Additional Sittings) (Northern Ireland) Order 1972

Made - - -	*28th June* 1972
Laid before Parliament	*28th June* 1972
Coming into Operation	*29th June* 1972

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of June 1972

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that by reason of urgency this Order requires to be made without a draft having been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(3) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(**a**), and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the County Courts (Additional Sittings) (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and shall come into operation on 29th June 1972.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**b**) shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(**a**) 1972 c. 22.

(**b**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

Power to fix additional sittings for indictable trials in, and appeals and applications to, the county court

3. At the end of section 5 of the County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(**a**) (which makes provision for additional and extraordinary sittings of the county court) there shall be added the following subsection: —

"(3) The Minister may, where he considers it expedient to do so for the purpose of avoiding delay in the administration of justice, by order fix, in addition to ordinary sittings fixed under this Act, sittings of the county court for the hearing of any proceedings to which Part V or VI applies, but an order under this subsection shall be subject to the powers exercisable (whether under section 27 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1851(**b**) or under section 6 of this Act or otherwise) by a court to adjourn any proceedings at any such additional sittings.".

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order enables the Minister of Home Affairs to fix additional sittings of county courts in Northern Ireland for the hearing of proceedings to which Part V or VI of the County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959 applies. Those Parts relate respectively to the original criminal jurisdiction of the county courts by way of trial on indictment and to appeals to those courts against orders of courts of summary jurisdiction.

(**a**) 1959 c. 25 (N.I.).

(**b**) 1851 c. 100.

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