STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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JUDGES

The Maximum Number of Judges Order 1977

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - - 30*th March* 1977

At the Court of Saint James, the 30th day of March 1977.

Present,

The Counsellors of State in Council

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 3rd day of February 1977, to delegate to the six Counsellors of State therein named or any two or more of them full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas a draft of the following Order was laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Administration of Justice Act 1968(**a**), and all other powers enabling Her Majesty, and by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, do on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Maximum Number of Judges Order 1977.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The maximum number of judges of the Court of Session which is prescribed by section 1(1)(*c*) of the Administration of Justice Act 1968, as amended (**c**), shall be increased from 20 to 22.

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

(**a**) 1968 c. 5. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.
(**c**) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1972/2000 (1972 III, p. 5954).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order increases the maximum number of judges of the Court of Session from 20 to 22.

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