and the expression "police constable" includes any member of the Royal Irish Constabulary or Dublin Metropolitan Police.

Recovery of certain medical expenses.

2.—(1) Where a decree is made against a county council on any application in pursuance of the last preceding section, if the person murdered, maimed, or injured has been attended by a registered medical practitioner or nurse on the direction of the Lord Lieutenant, the amount of the expenses certified by the Lord Lieutenant to have been incurred for, or in connection with, such attendance shall be paid by and recoverable from the county council as a debt due to the Crown, and in case of a decree made against two or more county councils such amount shall be apportioned between the councils in the like proportions as the compensation and the sum apportioned to each council shall be paid by and recoverable from the council as such a debt.

(2) Any sum payable by a county council under this section shall be levied off the same area as the sum payable by the council under the decree.

Short title and extent.

3. This Act may be cited as the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Act, 1919, and shall apply to Ireland only.

CHAPTER 15.

An Act to make provision for the maintenance of such forces of the Crown as may be required to meet exigencies arising before the thirtieth day of April nineteen hundred and twenty, and with respect to the conditions of service of such forces, and for purposes connected therewith. [16th April 1919.]

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Power to prolong period of naval, military, or air force service.

1.—(1) If the competent authority is of opinion that, as respects any men to whom this section applies or any class of such men, they cannot consistently with the public interest be released from actual service at the time when in pursuance of the terms of their service they would be entitled to be discharged, any such man may be retained and his service may be prolonged for such further period, not extending beyond the thirtieth day of April nineteen hundred and twenty, as the competent authority may order, but at the expiration of that period, or at any earlier date at which the competent authority

considers that he can be released, he shall be discharged with all convenient speed, but in no case later than three months after the thirtieth day of April nineteen hundred and twenty.

(2) The men to whom this section applies are men (not being soldiers of the regular forces serving on a pre-war attestation) who at the termination of the present war are in actual service in the naval, military, or air forces of His Majesty and whose term of actual service expires at the termination of the present war or before the said thirtieth day of April.

Continuation of certain provisions relating to terms of service.

2.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in section one of the Army (Transfers) Act, 1915, a soldier who in pursuance of that section has been transferred from one corps to another shall not until the said thirtieth day of April be entitled to be retransferred to the corps in which he was serving at the time when he was so transferred.

5 & 6 Geo. 5. c. 43. 5 & 6 Geo. 5. c. 104.

(2) Sections fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen of the Military Service Act, 1916 (Session 2), which relate to the transfer of officers and men of the territorial force, the constitution of corps of that force, and the liability of officers and men of that force to serve outside the United Kingdom, shall continue in force until the said thirtieth day of April.

5 & 6 Geo. 5. c. 23. 5 & 6 Geo. 5. c. 103.

(3) The Army (Suspension of Sentences) Acts, 1915 and 1916, both as originally enacted and as applied to the Air Force, shall, from the passing of this Act and until the said thirtieth day of April, apply to soldiers and airmen, whether employed on active service or not, and whether employed beyond the seas or not, and shall have effect as if references to imprisonment and prison included references to detention and detention barracks.

Interpretation, saving and short title.

3.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

The expression "competent authority" means in relation to the naval forces, the Admiralty, in relation to the military forces, the Army Council, and in relation to the air force, the Air Council;

The expression "naval forces" includes the marine forces;

The expression "actual service" means, in the case of the military forces, army service, or, as respects men of the territorial force, embodied service, and in the case of the air force, air-force service.

7 & 8 Geo. 5. c. 26.

(2) This Act shall not apply to any man to whom the Military Service Acts, 1916 to 1918, have been applied by virtue of the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Act, 1917.

(3) This Act may be cited as the Naval, Military, and Air Force Service Act, 1919.