STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1968 No. 1047

SHOPS AND OFFICES

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (Exemption No. 5) Order 1968

Made - - - - *2nd July* 1968

The Secretary of State—

(*a*) by virtue of her powers under section 45 of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963(**a**) (hereafter in this Order referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf; and

(*b*) after consultations by the Minister of Labour, pursuant to section 45(4) of the Act, with organisations appearing to the Minister to be representative of workers concerned and the employer concerned, respectively, and it appearing to the Secretary of State that there are no other persons concerned,

hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (Exemption No. 5) Order 1968.

(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.

(3) For the purposes of this Order, persons in the service of the Crown shall be taken to be employed if, apart from this provision, they would not be so taken.

2. The Secretary of State hereby exempts from the requirements imposed by section 5(2) (which relates to overcrowding) of the Act, the following class of rooms, that is to say, switchrooms, where the whole of the switching apparatus is manually operated, which are situate in public telephone exchanges and in which the operations are carried on by persons employed by the Postmaster-General.

3. The exemption granted by this Order shall be for the period commencing on 2nd July 1968 and ending on 31st December 1970.

Signed by order of the Secretary of State.
2nd July 1968.

P. H. St. J. Wilson,
Deputy Under Secretary of State,
Department of Employment and Productivity.

(**a**) 1963 c. 41. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order exempts until 31st December 1970, telephone switchrooms where the whole of the switching apparatus is manually operated, which are situate in public telephone exchanges, and in which the operations are carried on by persons employed by the Postmaster-General, from the requirements relating to overcrowding imposed by section 5(2) of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963.