EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

By Paragraph (B) of Regulation 63 of the principal Warrant it is provided that in respect of a letter or postcard posted in Great Britain, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands for transmission to an address in Eire the sender may request that the letter or card be transmitted by the Air Mail service operating between Liverpool and Dublin and that in such case there shall be charged the additional postage specified in Part II of the Sixth Schedule (namely, 2d. for the first 2 oz., 3d. in respect of a packet weighing over 2 oz. and up to 8 oz. and 3d. for each additional 8 oz. or fraction thereof). It has been decided to convey letters and postcards to Eire by air as part of the normal transmission without any charge of additional postage.

PROBATION OF OFFENDERS

The Probation Rules, 1948

1948 No. 1387 (L. 15)

Made - - - -	*23rd June*, 1948
Coming into Operation	*5th July*, 1948

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by section seven of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907(a), and section eight of the Criminal Justice Act, 1925(b), I hereby make the following Rules:—

1. For Rule 31 of the Probation Rules, 1926(c), there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

"31.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Rule, no person who is under the age of twenty-three years or has attained the age of forty years shall be appointed a full-time Probation Officer unless he is serving as a full-time Probation Officer at the date of appointment.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (1) of this Rule, where a person who has attained the age of forty years is serving as a Probation Officer but is not a full-time Probation Officer within the meaning of these Rules, he may be appointed a full-time Probation Officer—

(*a*) before the first day of January, 1949, if he was serving as a Probation Officer on the thirtieth day of June, 1948, and was at that date devoting substantially the whole of his time to his duties as a Probation Officer; or

(a) 7 Edw. 7. c. 17. (b) 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 86.
(c) S.R. & O. 1926 (No. 577) p. 1148; and *see* S.R. & O. 1944 (No. 700) I, p. 871.

(*b*) at any time, if the Secretary of State is satisfied that he has satisfactorily completed a course of training under the direction of a body approved by the Secretary of State for the training of persons for appointment as Probation Officers."

2. For Rule 35 of the said Rules there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

" 35.—(1) Subject as hereinafter provided, the Probation Committee may from time to time grant sick leave to a full-time Probation Officer.

(2) Sick leave for any period not exceeding two days may be granted without the production of a medical certificate; but save as aforesaid sick leave shall only be granted subject to the production of a certificate signed by a duly qualified medical practitioner.

(3) Sick leave with pay shall not, except with the authority of the Secretary of State, exceed in the aggregate three months in any period of twelve months.

(4) There shall be deducted from the pay of an officer the amount of any sickness benefit under the National Insurance Act, 1946(**a**), or injury benefit under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act(**b**), to which he may be entitled during any period of sick leave with full pay:

Provided that where an officer was immediately before the fifth day of July, 1948, a voluntary contributor under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936(**c**), no deductions on account of sickness benefit shall be made under this paragraph in respect of any period before the date on which he completes twenty-six contributions as an employed or self-employed person under the National Insurance Act, 1946."

3.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Probation Rules, 1948.

(2) These Rules shall come into operation on the fifth day of July, 1948.

J. Chuter Ede,

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
23rd June, 1948.

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 67. (**b**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 62.
(**c**) 26 Geo. 5 & 1 Edw. 8. c. 32.