# PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

## Public Use of the Records

RULES DATED 16TH DECEMBER, 1957, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1957. No. 249 [C]

I, Captain the Right Honourable Terence Marne O'Neill, Minister of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 9 of the Public Records Act (Northern Ireland), 1923(a), hereby make the following rules:—

**1.**—(1) These rules may be cited as the Public Record Office (Public Use of the Records) Amendment Rules (Northern Ireland), 1957, and shall come into operation on the 23rd day of December, 1957.

(2) The Public Record Office (Public Use of the Records) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1953, (hereinafter referred to as "the principal rules")(b) and these rules may be cited together as the Public Record Office (Public Use of the Records) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1953 and 1957.

2. For rule 1 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"**1.** The Public Search Room shall be open to persons desiring to consult indexes, catalogues and calendars or to inspect records on every day except Saturdays, Sundays, Bank Holidays and such other public or privilege holidays as may be observed in the Civil Service of Northern Ireland.

The hours of admission and attendance shall be from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m."

Signed this sixteenth day of December, 1957.

*Terence O'Neill,*
Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Rules but is intended to explain their general purport)*

Section 9 of the Public Records Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 provides for the making by the Minister of Finance of rules for the management of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

These Rules amend the Public Record Office (Public Use of the Records) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1953 to provide for the closing of the Public Record Office on Saturdays in conformity with the similar arrangements now in operation for other Government Offices.

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(a) 13 & 14 Geo. 5 (N.I.) c. 20. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 71.