CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, ENGLAND

1954 No. 1626 (L. 18)

The Witnesses Allowances Regulations, 1954

Made - - - - 3*rd December*, 1954
Coming into Operation 1*st January*, 1955

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by section twelve of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act, 1952(a), I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) For paragraph (1) of Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations (which relates to witnesses, other than professional or expert witnesses, who suffer loss of earnings by attendance at court and specifies the maximum daily allowance in respect of loss of earnings and the maximum daily subsistence allowance) there shall be substituted the following paragraph, that is to say:—

"(1) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 4 of these Regulations, there may be allowed to a person, not being a person referred to in either of the preceding Regulations, who attends to give evidence and who by attendance at court loses wages, earnings or other income or necessarily incurs additional expense (other than expense on account of travelling or subsistence) to which he would not otherwise have been subject, an allowance not exceeding thirty shillings a day in respect of that loss or additional expense, together with an allowance not exceeding seven shillings a day in respect of subsistence.".

(2) In paragraph (2) of the said Regulation (which specifies the maximum daily subsistence allowance payable to a witness, other than a professional or expert witness or a witness to whom paragraph (1) of the said Regulation applies) for the words "five shillings" there shall be substituted the words "seven shillings".

2. In Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations (which specifies the maximum sum payable as a night allowance to a witness) for the words "twenty shillings" there shall be substituted the words "twenty-seven shillings and sixpence".

3. For paragraph (3) of Regulation 7 of the principal Regulations (which provides that there may be allowed to a person travelling on foot or by private conveyance for the purpose of attending to give evidence a sum not exceeding three pence a mile each way) there shall be substituted the following paragraph, that is to say:—

"(3) There may be allowed to a person travelling by private conveyance for the purpose of giving evidence a sum not exceeding, in any case where the court is satisfied that the use of a private conveyance results in a substantial saving of time or is otherwise reasonable, sixpence a mile each way, and in any other case, two pence a mile each way and there may be allowed to a person travelling on foot for the purpose of giving evidence a sum not exceeding two pence a mile each way.".

4. In these Regulations, the expression "the principal Regulations" means the Witnesses Allowances Regulations, 1948(b).

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 48. (b) S.I. 1948/1909 (Rev. V, p. 414: 1948 I, p. 597).

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Witnesses Allowances Regulations, 1954, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1955.

G. Lloyd-George,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
3rd December, 1954.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations make alterations in the allowances payable under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act, 1952, to persons attending to give evidence in those criminal cases to which that Act applies. Regulation 1 applies to ordinary witnesses only and increases the maximum allowances payable in respect of loss of earnings and makes new provision for an allowance in respect of additional expenditure necessarily incurred: it also increases the maximum subsistence allowance. Regulation 2 increases the maximum night allowance. Regulation 3, in the case of persons travelling by private conveyance, increases the maximum travelling allowance in the cases specified in the Regulation and decreases it in all other cases, and decreases the allowance in the case of persons travelling by foot.

CURRENCY AND BANK NOTES

1954 No. 172 (C. 2)

The Currency and Bank Notes Act, 1954 (Commencement) Order, 1954

Made - - - - 18*th February,* 1954

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power conferred upon Them by subsection (3) of section 4 of the Currency and Bank Notes Act, 1954(**a**), hereby make the following Order:—

1. The Currency and Bank Notes Act, 1954, shall come into operation on the twenty-second day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

2.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Currency and Bank Notes Act, 1954 (Commencement) Order, 1954.

(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.

Dated this eighteenth day of February, 1954.

Dennis Vosper,
Hendrie D. Oakshott,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

(**a**) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 12. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.