

**ULSTER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY****Abandonment of Railway Lines**

AN ORDER FOR ABANDONMENT, DATED THE 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 1957, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT UNDER SECTION 58 OF THE TRANSPORT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948(a).

1957. No. 43.

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Whereas by virtue of an Arrangement dated the Tenth day of December, 1948, made in pursuance of the provisions of Section 65 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, between the British Transport Commission of 55 Broadway, Westminster, London, S.W.1, of the one part and the Ulster Transport Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") of the other part (which said arrangement was subsequently, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of the said Section, duly confirmed by each House of Parliament) that part of the undertaking of the British Transport Commission situate in Northern Ireland theretofore operated and managed by the Northern Counties Committee, established in pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Midland Railway (Belfast and Northern Counties Railway) Purchase Act, 1903, became vested in the Authority;

And whereas the Authority have published Notices in accordance with the provisions of Section 57 of the said Act of 1948 of their intention in respect of the railway line and the section of railway line hereinafter mentioned to terminate wholly the transport services then or hitherto provided thereon, that is to say, the railway line between Larne Harbour and Ballyclare and the section of railway line between Kilrea and Macfin;

And whereas no objections have been received by the Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") within the period specified in any of the said Notices in respect of the said railway line and the said section of railway line and thereupon the Authority as provided by sub-section (3) of the said Section 57 became entitled to terminate wholly the transport services on the railway line and the section of railway line between the points hereinbefore set forth and the said services have been in each case wholly terminated;

And whereas the period of six months has elapsed after the date on which the period for the said objections ended;

And whereas by Order dated the thirty-first day of August One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three entitled "The Transport Act (Abandonment of Railway Lines, Counties Antrim and Londonderry) Order, 1953"(b) the Authority were authorised to abandon certain sections of the aforesaid railway line and section of railway line that is to say:

- (i) That section of railway line running from Larne Railway Station to the former Ballyclare Paper Mill, both in the

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(a) 1948 Ch. 16 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. 1953 No. 118.

County of Antrim, from a point 200 yards West of Larne Town Railway Station to the terminus at the said Mill; and

- (ii) That section of railway line running from Kilrea, in the County of Londonderry, to Macfin in the County of Antrim, from a point 50 yards West of Kilrea Railway Station to a point a quarter of a mile South of Macfin Railway Station.

And whereas the Authority have applied for an Order for Abandonment pursuant to the provisions of Section 58 of the said Act of 1948 authorising the abandonment of the further section hereinafter mentioned of the aforesaid section of railway line running from Kilrea in the County of Londonderry to Macfin in the County of Antrim and the Ministry is satisfied that such application should, in respect of the said further section be granted.

Now therefore the Ministry in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 58 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, hereby orders as follows:—

1. That the Authority are hereby authorised to abandon the existing section of railway line between the following places, that is to say:—

That section of railway line running from a point 50 yards West of Kilrea Railway Station to a point 15 yards South-east of Bridge No. 361 at Kilrea.

2. That this Order may be cited as “The Transport Act (Abandonment of Railway Lines, Counties Antrim and Londonderry) (No. 3) Order, 1957”, and shall come into force on the seventh day of March, 1957.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this seventh day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*W. J. Thompson,*  
Assistant Secretary.