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Royal Irish Constabulary Office.

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Administrative Division.

SUBJECT.

MINUTE.

12th July 1914

Extra Forces.

Chief Secretary

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Instructions have been issued that the men sent to the North should be fully armed.

Under Secretary

The Chief Secretary approves. He would like to have a return (in the same form as that sent over for previous years) showing the number of men going to each county.

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Under Secretary,

Submitted for approval the attached requisitions for extra men from seven of the nine Ulster Counties.

The County Inspectors of Donegal and Cavan expect to be in a position to preserve the peace with their own County Forces.

It will be seen that the entire extra Force which is now being sent to the North amounts to 21 District Inspectors, 26 Head Constables and 996 men. This includes 1 District Inspector, 1 Head Constable and 60 men who will be sent to act as a reserve at Omagh and would be quickly available at Derry, Strabane, Stranorlar or any of the North West centres where trouble may break out among the rival parties.

Last year the extra Force sent to Ulster amounted to 13 District Inspectors 17 Head Constables and 873 men.

The present critical state of affairs in the North of Ireland renders it necessary to take every precaution which is possible to maintain law and order during the

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celebrations of 12th. July. With this object in view it has been absolutely necessary to deplete the County Forces outside Ulster to what is unquestionably a dangerous extent and if any serious trouble arises in those parts of the Country from which the men have been withdrawn for duty in the North, it will be most difficult to cope with it.

The Royal Irish Constabulary is now about 260 men short of the authorised number. Ulster has not to bear any of these vacancies. The vacancies for recruiting purposes are also credited against the South and West which in addition within ~~within~~ the last few months have sent 208 men on temporary service to the North.

The Inspector General considers it desirable that Government should be clearly informed how the matter stands.

W H O Connell

Deputy Inspector General.

8th. July, 1914.