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*Note to members  
H/T to members reply to members  
to P. Q. & many of great  
Office on day of Derry  
parade. M/C 6/3/72*

*Rogan*

*This may be of interest to  
you.*

*Thompson 6/3/72*

### Note for Minister

In accordance with a statement issued by the Department of the Taoiseach, Government Departments were authorised to give time off to civil servants on 2 February to enable them to attend religious services in memory of the Derry riot victims. In implementing this Departments closed as follows:-

- Education - <sup>portion</sup> position in Hawkins House closed for 2 hours
- Posts and Telegraphs - GPO closed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Local Offices generally fell into line with what was being done in their locality
- Revenue - some local offices closed
- Patents Office - closed for the morning
- Passport Office - closed for the morning
- Government Publications Sales Office - closed all day
- Ordnance Survey - closed for the morning
- State Laboratory - closed for the morning

On the day in question other closures occurred because of bomb scares and possible danger from protest meetings and marches. These closures were

- Labour - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again at 4 p.m.
- Lands - 3 p.m.
- Local Government - <sup>portion</sup> position in O'Connell Bridge House closed for the afternoon
- Revenue - O'Connell Street branch closed at 3.30 p.m.
- Charitable Donations and Bequests Office - 4 p.m.
- Patents Office - 4 p.m.
- Valuation Office - 4.15 p.m.