

disputed elections, shall, so far as practicable, be applied by the Judge to the adjudication of such cases. The Judges of the Supreme Court may make, alter, and repeal rules for the conduct of such election inquiries.

XXV. For the purpose of every general election of Members of the Council, and in the case of any vacancies among the elective Members by death, resignation, or otherwise, the High Commissioner shall issue writs of election, under the public seal of the Island, addressed to the Returning Officers of the respective electoral districts for which Members are to be returned.

Such writs may be in the form in the Schedule to this Order.

XXVI. The High Commissioner may, from time to time, by proclamation, provide for the formation, revision, and custody of voters' lists, and for the appointment and duties of Returning Officers, and for determining the time and place for holding elections, and the manner in which elections shall be conducted and a poll taken when required, and the manner in which votes shall be given and the result ascertained, and for the return of the writs, and for all other matters necessary to the orderly and impartial conduct of elections.

Every such proclamation shall take effect from such date as shall be named therein, or, if no date be named therein, from the date thereof, and shall have the force of law, but shall be subject to disallowance in whole or in part by His Majesty, signified through one of His Principal Secretaries of State. The High Commissioner shall, by proclamation, give notice of any such disallowance, and thereupon the provisions so disallowed shall cease to be of any force or effect.

XXVII. Any elective Member may resign his seat in the Council by writing under his hand addressed to the High Commissioner, and upon the receipt of such resignation by the High Commissioner the seat of such Member shall become vacant.

If any elective Member fails to give his attendance in the Council for one whole session without the leave of the Council entered in its journals, or if he is appointed a Judge of any Court in the Island, or becomes a public contractor or an uncertificated bankrupt, or is convicted of any offence and sentenced to any term of imprisonment amounting to six months or more, the seat of such Member shall thereby become vacant.

XXVIII. There shall be a session of the Council once at least in each year, so that a period of twelve calendar months do not intervene between the last sitting in one session and the first sitting in the next session.

The High Commissioner shall, by proclamation, appoint the place and time for holding each session of the Council, and every such session shall be holden accordingly.

XXIX. The High Commissioner in person or by proclamation may prorogue or dissolve the Council whenever he thinks fit, and, unless the Council be sooner dissolved, the elective Members shall hold their seats until the expiration of five years from the date of the return of the first writs at the last preceding general election. At the expiration of such five years, the High Commissioner shall dissolve the Council.

A general election shall be held within two calendar months after a dissolution, and in case of a vacancy by death, resignation, or otherwise, an election shall be held as soon as possible after the vacancy occurs.

XXX. The High Commissioner when present shall preside at all meetings of the Council, and in his absence such non-elective Member as he

shall from time to time appoint for that purpose, and in default of such appointment the senior non-elective Member of the Council present shall preside.

XXXI. No business (except that of adjournment) shall be transacted unless there be present six Members of the Council besides the High Commissioner or presiding Member.

XXXII. The Council shall, in the mode of transaction of business, whether for the passing of laws or other matters, conform as nearly as may be to such instructions under His Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet as may from time to time be addressed to the High Commissioner in that behalf.

Subject to such instructions, the Council shall, as soon as convenient after its first meeting, and from time to time afterwards as occasion may require, make standing Rules and Orders for the regulation or their own proceedings. And such Rules and Orders shall take effect when confirmed by the High Commissioner.

XXXIII. No vote, resolution, or law for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue, or for the imposition of any tax or impost, shall be proposed except by the High Commissioner or by his direction; but with the foregoing exceptions, any Member may propose any question for debate in the Council, and such question, if seconded by any other Member, shall be debated and disposed of according to the standing Rules and Orders.

The elective Members shall have the right to put questions to the non-elective Members on matters of public concern affecting the administration of their several departments.

XXXIV. Either the English, Greek, or Turkish language may be used in the debates of the Council. In taking down the Minutes and in Bills laid before the Council the English language shall be used, and Greek and Turkish translations shall be appended to the Minutes and Bills when printed for the use of Members.

XXXV. All questions proposed for debate in the Council shall be decided by the majority of the votes of the Members present, and if upon any question the votes are equal, the High Commissioner if presiding shall have a casting vote, and if a non-elective Member be presiding, such non-elective Member shall have a casting vote in addition to his own original vote.

XXXVI. The several sums required for the unmentioned services shall be permanently charged on the consolidated revenue of the Island, and shall be payable to His Majesty, His heirs and successors, every year until it shall be otherwise ordered by His Majesty, His heirs or successors, with the advice of His or their Privy Council:—

Ninety-two thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine pounds eleven shillings and three pence, being a sum equal to the sums payable under the annex, dated the first of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, to the Convention of Defensive Alliance between Great Britain and Turkey, signed on the fourth of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and under an agreement respecting Cyprus lands signed by the representatives of Great Britain and Turkey on the third February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine.

Four thousand pounds for the High Commissioner's salary.

Six hundred pounds for the High Commissioner's establishment.

Thirteen thousand pounds for salaries of judges, magistrates, village judges, and