

cause to him appearing, dismiss any public officer not appointed by virtue of a Warrant from His Majesty whose pensionable emoluments do not exceed one hundred and fifty pounds a year, provided that in every such case the grounds of intended dismissal are definitely stated in writing, and communicated to the officer, in order that he may have full opportunity of exculpating himself, and that the matter is investigated by the Governor with the aid of the head for the time being of the department in which the officer is serving.

The Governor may, upon sufficient cause to him appearing, suspend from the exercise of his office any person holding any office within the Protectorate, whether appointed by virtue of any Commission or Warrant from His Majesty or in His Majesty's name, or by any other mode of appointment. Such suspension shall continue and have effect only until His Majesty's pleasure therein shall be signified to the Governor. If the suspension is confirmed by a Secretary of State, the Governor shall forthwith cause the officer to be so informed, and thereupon his office shall become vacant. In proceeding to any such suspension, the Governor is strictly to observe the directions in that behalf given to him by any instructions from His Majesty or signified through a Secretary of State.

XVI. When any crime or offence has been committed within the Protectorate, or for which the offender may be tried therein, the Governor may, as he shall see occasion, in His Majesty's name and on His Majesty's behalf, grant a pardon to any accomplice in such crime or offence, who shall give such information as shall lead to the conviction of the principal offender, or of any one of such offenders if more than one; and, further, may grant to any offender convicted in any Court, or before any Judge, Justice, Magistrate, or other officer within the Protectorate, a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions, or any remission of the sentence passed on such offender, or any respite of the execution of such sentence, for such period as the Governor thinks fit, and may remit any fines, penalties or forfeitures due or accrued to His Majesty.

XVII. The Seal now or hereafter in use as the Public Seal of the Colony of Nigeria shall be and be deemed to be also the Public Seal of the Protectorate of Nigeria, and shall be used for sealing all things whatsoever that shall pass the said Seal.

XVIII. This Order shall come into operation on the First day of January, 1914, and shall be published in the Government Gazette; and the Governor shall give directions for the publication of this Order at such places, and in such manner, and for such time or times as he thinks proper for giving due publicity thereto within the Protectorate of Nigeria.

XIX. The above-recited Orders in Council of the twenty-seventh day of December, 1899, the nineteenth day of March, 1908, the fourth day of February, 1911, the twenty-eighth day of March, 1912, and the eleventh day of October, 1912, shall from the commencement of this Order be revoked, without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

XX. His Majesty may from time to time revoke, alter, add to, or amend this Order.

And the Right Honourable Lewis Harcourt, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Windsor Castle*, the 22nd day of *November*, 1913.

PRESENT,

The KING'S Most Excellent Majesty.

Earl Spencer.
Lord Stamfordham.
Lord Emmott.

WHEREAS His Majesty has this day by and with the advice of His Privy Council, been pleased to direct that Letters Patent be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland providing that the Colony of Southern Nigeria shall in future be known as the Colony of Nigeria and making provision for the Government of the said Colony, and the draft of the said Letters Patent has this day been approved by His Majesty in Council:

And whereas by an Order in Council bearing date this day, provision has been made for the exercise of His Majesty's jurisdiction in the territories to be known in future as the Protectorate of Nigeria:

And whereas it is expedient to make provision for the establishment of an advisory and deliberative body to be known as the Nigerian Council:

Now therefore His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, or otherwise in His Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

I. This Order may be cited as the Nigerian Council Order in Council, 1913.

II. This Order shall apply to the Colony and to the Protectorate of Nigeria, which are hereinafter referred to collectively as "Nigeria."

III. In this Order "His Majesty" includes His Majesty's heirs and successors; "Secretary of State" means one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; "Governor" means the Governor and Commander-in-Chief for the time being of Nigeria and includes every person for the time being administering the Government of Nigeria; "the Council" means the Nigerian Council established under this Order.

IV. There shall be a Nigerian Council which shall consist of:—

The Governor, the Members of the Execu-