

tive Council, the persons from time to time lawfully discharging the functions of Residents and Commissioners of the First Class, of the three Secretaries, and of the Political Secretary to the Governor (if any), and such other persons holding office in Nigeria as the Governor in pursuance of instructions from His Majesty through a Secretary of State may from time to time appoint under the Public Seal of Nigeria, and all such persons shall be styled Official Members of the Nigerian Council; and further of the following persons not holding office in Nigeria, who shall be called Unofficial Members of the said Council:—

A member of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce, and a Member of the Chamber of Mines, resident in Nigeria, to be nominated respectively by those bodies, together with a member resident in Nigeria of any Chamber of Commerce which may hereafter be established at Calabar, to be similarly nominated.

Four European members, nominated by the Governor, and representative as far as may be of the Commerce, Shipping, Mining, and Banking of Nigeria.

Six native members, nominated by the Governor, and representative as far as may be of the native population both of the Coast and of the Interior.

V. Whenever upon any special occasion the Governor wishes to obtain the advice of any person within Nigeria touching any matters about to be brought before the Council, he may by an Instrument under the Public Seal of Nigeria appoint any such person to be, for such occasion, an Extraordinary Member of the Council.

VI. Every Unofficial Member of the Council shall be appointed by an Instrument under the Public Seal of Nigeria, and his appointment shall be subject to His Majesty's approval conveyed through a Secretary of State. Every such Unofficial Member shall vacate his seat at the end of four years from the date of the Instrument by which he is appointed, unless it is otherwise provided by that Instrument, but he shall be eligible to be re-appointed by the Governor by an Instrument under the Public Seal of Nigeria for a further period not exceeding four years, subject to the approval of His Majesty conveyed through a Secretary of State.

VII. If any Member of the Council not holding one of the offices mentioned in the fourth clause of this Order shall die, or become incapable of discharging his functions as a Member of the Council, or be suspended or removed from his seat in the Council, or be absent from Nigeria, or if he resign by writing under his hand, or if his seat become vacant, the Governor may, by an Instrument under the Public Seal of Nigeria, appoint in his place a fit person to be provisionally a Member of the Council.

Such person shall forthwith cease to be a Member if his appointment is disallowed by His Majesty, or if the Member in whose place he was appointed shall return to Nigeria, or, as the case may be, shall be released from suspension, or shall be declared by the Governor

capable of again discharging his functions in the Council.

The Governor shall, without delay, report to His Majesty for his confirmation or disallowance, signified through a Secretary of State, every provisional appointment of any person as an Official or Unofficial Member of the Council. Every such person shall hold his place in the Council during His Majesty's pleasure, and the Governor may by an Instrument under the Public Seal revoke any such appointment.

VIII. If any Member of the Council, when duly summoned to attend, absents himself without sufficient cause, and persists in such absence after being thereof admonished by the Governor, the Governor shall suspend such Member until His Majesty's pleasure therein be known, giving immediate notice thereof to His Majesty, through a Secretary of State. If the suspension is confirmed, the Governor shall cause the Member to be so informed, and thereupon his seat shall become vacant.

IX. If any Member of the Council be absent from Nigeria for the space of twelve calendar months without the leave of the Governor, his place in the said Council shall thereupon become vacant.

X. The Council shall not be disqualified from the transaction of business on account of any vacancies among the Members thereof; but the said Council shall not be competent to act in any case unless (including the Governor or the Member presiding) there be present at and throughout the meetings of the Council six Members at the least.

XI. The Official Members of the Council shall take precedence of the Unofficial Members; and among themselves shall take precedence as His Majesty may specially assign, and, in default thereof, first the above-mentioned Officers in the order in which their respective offices are mentioned, and, among Officers of the same class, according to their seniority in that class; then other Official Members, and all Unofficial Members according to the priority of their respective appointments, or, if appointed by the same Instrument, according to the order in which they are named therein; and finally, Extraordinary Members according to the like priority. Every Unofficial Member of the Council reappointed immediately on the termination of his term of office shall take precedence according to the date from which he has been continuously a Member of the Council.

XII. It shall be lawful for the Governor for good cause to suspend any Member from being a Member of the Council until His Majesty's pleasure be known, and any such suspension shall be at once reported to His Majesty through a Secretary of State, with a full statement of the reasons thereof. If the suspension is confirmed, the Governor shall forthwith cause the Member to be so informed, and thereupon his seat shall become vacant.

XIII. The Council shall meet not less often than once in each calendar year at the seat of Government or at such other place as to the Governor may seem most convenient.

XIV. The Governor shall preside in the