

for the election of Elected Unofficial Members.

8. The Members of the Council shall take precedence as His Majesty may specially assign, and in default thereof, first the *ex officio* Members in the order in which their respective offices are named in Article 4 of this Order; secondly, the Nominated Official 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; thirdly, the Elected Unofficial Members or Nominated Unofficial Members according to the length of time during which they have been continuously Members of the Council, Members elected or appointed at the same time taking precedence amongst themselves according to the alphabetical order of their names:

Provided nevertheless that any such Elected Unofficial Member who is re-elected, or Nominated Unofficial Member who is re-appointed, 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.

9. If any Nominated Official or Unofficial Member of the Council shall die or shall, with the permission of the Governor, by writing under his hand addressed to the Governor, resign his seat in the Council, or shall be suspended or removed from the exercise of his functions as a Member of the Council, or shall be declared by the Governor by an Instrument under the Public Seal to be incapable of exercising his functions as such Member, or shall be temporarily absent from the Territory, or if his seat become vacant, the Governor may by an Instrument under the said Seal provisionally appoint in his place some other fit person within the Territory to be temporarily a Member of the Council, provided that only such persons are thus appointed as in accordance with Articles 5 and 7 of this Order are eligible to be appointed as Nominated Official Members and Nominated Unofficial Members respectively.

Every such person shall hold his place in the Council during His Majesty's pleasure, and every such provisional appointment may be disallowed by His Majesty through a Secretary of State or may be revoked by the Governor by any such Instrument as aforesaid.

10. Every person so provisionally appointed shall be to all intents and purposes a Nominated Official Member or Nominated Unofficial Member of the Council as the case may be until his appointment shall be disallowed, or revoked, or superseded by a definite appointment in his place, or until the person in whose place he has been appointed shall be relieved from suspension, or declared by the Governor by an Instrument under the Public Seal to be capable of exercising the functions of a Member of the Council or shall have returned to the Territory.

11. The Governor shall, without delay, report for His Majesty's confirmation or disallowance, to be signified through a Secretary of State, every appointment whether definitive or provisional of any person as a Nominated Official Member or Nominated Unofficial Member of the Council.

12. The Governor may by an Instrument under the Public Seal suspend any Member of

the Council from the exercise of his functions as a Member of the Council. Every such suspension shall be forthwith reported by the Governor to a Secretary of State, and shall remain in force unless and until it shall be either removed by the Governor by an Instrument under the said Seal or disallowed by His Majesty through a Secretary of State.

13. No Member of the Council shall sit or vote therein until he shall have taken and subscribed the following oath before the Governor, or some person authorised by the Governor to administer such oath:—

“ I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear
“ that I will be faithful and bear true
“ allegiance to His Majesty King George,
“ His heirs and successors according to
“ law.”

“ So help me God.”

Provided that every person authorised by law to make an affirmation instead of taking an oath may make such affirmation instead of the said oath.

14. The Governor, if present, or, in the absence of the Governor, such Member of the Council as the Governor shall from time to time appoint, or in default thereof or in the absence of such Member, the senior Member of the Executive Council present, shall preside at the meetings of the Council.

15. Every Member of the Council may, upon due notice being given, propose any Bill, vote or resolution which does not impose any tax or dispose of or charge any part of the public revenue.

16. No Member of the Council may propose any Bill, vote or resolution the object or effect of which is to impose any tax or dispose of or charge any part of the public revenue, unless such Bill, vote or resolution has been proposed by the direction or with the express sanction of the Governor.

17. The Council shall not be disqualified for the transaction of business by reason of any vacancy or vacancies among the Members, but no business except that of adjournment shall be transacted unless there shall be present at least seven Members besides the Governor or other presiding Member.

18. Subject to the provisions of this Order the Governor and the Council shall, in the transaction of the business of the Council and the passing of, and assenting to, Bills or Ordinances conform as nearly as may be to the directions contained in any Instructions under His Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet which may be addressed to the Governor in that behalf; but no Ordinance enacted by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall be invalid by reason that in the enactment thereof any such Instructions were not duly observed.

19. Minutes shall be regularly kept of all the proceedings of the Council, and at each meeting of the said Council the Minutes of the last preceding meeting shall be confirmed or amended, as the case may require, before proceeding to the despatch of any other business.

20. The Sessions of the Council shall be held at such times and places as the Governor shall from time to time by proclamation appoint. There shall be at least one Session of the Council in every year, and there shall not be