

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Commons by the Act 19 and 20 Vic., chap. 1 extended merely to the first and second Clerks Assistant, the right granted by the Act 52, Geo. 3, C. 11, to the Clerk to appoint all the other officers in his department, and to the Sergeant at Arms to appoint all in his department not being interfered with. This question is not settled. It was referred by the House of Assembly to the Standing Orders Committee and they have not yet brought up a report upon it.

I have, &c.,

J. MOORE.

For Chief Secretary.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
New Zealand.

No. 13.

COLONIAL SECRETARY SOUTH AUSTRALIA TO COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Chief Secretary's Office,

Adelaide, June 17, 1862.

SIR,—

In reply to your circular of the 19th May last, requesting information on certain points relating to the appointments of officers of the Houses of Parliament in this Province. I have the honour, by desire of His Excellency Sir Dominic Daly, to inform you that all appointments to officers under Government—except minor ones—are vested in the Governor, with the advice and consent of his Executive Council, composed exclusively of responsible Ministers,

Vacancies are intimated to Government by the President or Speaker who ordinarily recommend some person for the appointments, and such recommendations are generally as a matter of policy complied with.

I have &c.,

G. M. WATERHOUSE,

Chief Secretary.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
New Zealand.

No. 14.

COLONIAL SECRETARY WESTERN AUSTRALIA, TO COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Perth, 12th June, 1862.

SIR,—

In acknowledging your circular of 9th ultimo, No. 130, I have the honor to inform you that Western Australia being at present a Crown Colony, has no House of Assembly, and therefore I am unable to give you any information on the matter to which you refer.

I have, &c.,

FRED. P. BARLEE.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary,
New Zealand.

No. 15.

COLONIAL SECRETARY TASMANIA, TO COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Tasmania,

Colonial Secretary's Office,

9th June, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th ultimo, requesting information respecting the appointments of the officers of the Houses of Legislature in this Colony. In reply to your first inquiry—are the appointments of Clerks of the Houses, Assistant Clerk, Sergeant at Arms, and Subordinate Officers made by the Governor or by whom? I beg to inform you that the appointment of all the Officers referred to by you, rests with the Governor in Council.

To your second query—"If by the Governor, are the appointments made on the recommendation of His Excellency's responsible Advisers, of the Speaker, or whom? the reply is, on the recommendation of the Ministry of the day.

In reply to your third query—"What is the course of proceedings followed by the Speakers of the Houses in which vacancies of any such appointments occur," I beg to say that the fact of such vacancy, if the Parliament were in Session, would be notified by the President or the Speaker as the case might be, to the Colonial Secretary; if not in Session, it would be notified to that officer by the Clerk of the Council or Assembly; or should the vacancy be that of the Clerk, then the notification would be made by the next in rank in the office of that branch of the Legislature in which the vacancy occurred.