

CHAPTER III.

§ I. *Appointments to Public Offices.*

1. THROUGHOUT the British Colonies the offices holden in the service of the Executive Government are all so holden at the pleasure of the Queen, except in the case of a very few offices formerly granted during the lives and good behaviour of the holders, which grants cannot hereafter be revived in the same form on the occurrence of future vacancies.

2. Of offices holden at the pleasure of the Crown, some are filled up by the Governor in his own name, or by the Governor and Council, in pursuance of special enactments authorizing, in these particular cases, such a deviation from the established form. In the absence of such enactments public offices are usually filled up by the Governor either in his own name, or in the name of Her Majesty. All offices of considerable rank, trust, and emolument are filled up by appointments either provisional or final,—provisional, when they are made by the Governor on any sudden emergency, subject to Her Majesty's approbation,—final, when they are made in obedience to Her Majesty's commands.

3. The general rule is, that all public offices of