

Qualification of Members of Legislative Assembly.

10. Until otherwise provided by the Legislature constituted by these Our Letters Patent, persons qualified under the existing electoral laws of the Colony to become Members of the Legislative Council now subsisting shall be qualified to become Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Legislative Assembly.

11.—(1) The Legislative Assembly shall, on their first meeting, before proceeding to the dispatch of any other business, elect one of their Members to be Speaker and another to be Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees (hereinafter called the Deputy Speaker) of the said Assembly (subject in both cases to confirmation by the Governor) until the dissolution thereof, and in case of vacancy in either office another Speaker or Deputy Speaker, as the case may be, shall be elected in like manner and subject to such confirmation as aforesaid.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding sub-section it shall be lawful for the Legislative Assembly, if they see fit, to elect any suitable person other than one of their Members to be Speaker, and any person so elected shall be entitled to exercise and perform all the powers and duties by these Our Letters Patent, including the power and duty to exercise a casting vote as provided in Section 21 thereof, or by any Standing Rules and Orders from time to time in force under the provisions of Section 23 thereof, or otherwise howsoever, vested in the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Speaker to preside.

12. The Speaker, or in his absence the Deputy Speaker, and in the absence of both Speaker and Deputy Speaker some Member elected by the Legislative Assembly, shall preside at the Meetings thereof.

Quorum.

13. The Legislative Assembly shall not be disqualified from the transaction of business on account of any vacancies among the Members thereof, but the said Assembly shall not be competent to proceed to the despatch of business unless ten Members be present.

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