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| Cape of Good Hope and Mauritius . . . | 15 months |
| Ceylon and Australian Colonies . . . | 18 „ |

These periods are to be computed from the day of departure to the day of return to the Colony.

11. Governors are required by Act of Parliament (54 Geo. III. cap. 61) to report each instance of leave of absence to the Secretary of State for confirmation.

In default of such report, the Governor is liable to a penalty not exceeding, in each case, 100%.

12. A return of absent officers is annually laid before Parliament.

§ II. *Pensions and Retiring Allowances.*

1. It is to be understood, as a general rule, that no Colonial officers of any rank or description, are entitled as of strict and absolute right to retiring pensions.

2. Each case, however, as it presents itself, must be specially considered and treated on its own merits, and the amount of pensions to be granted in any instance will be regulated by the principles of the British Superannuation Act; it being clearly understood that the maximum rate of pension established by that Act is not in practice the minimum rate also.

3. Whenever a Governor may have occasion to bring under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government the application of any officer for a retiring allowance, on quitting the public service, he is required to furnish a detailed statement, showing the