

Secretary of State, who will have before him at the same time the whole of these reports, more effectual means than he at present possesses of judging of the merits generally of officers employed in subordinate situations throughout Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions; and will materially increase the prospects of advancement and encouragement to meritorious officers in such situations, by enlarging the range within which they may hope to obtain promotion as a reward for active and efficient service. In cases where the means of effectually recruiting the public service, as vacancies shall arise, shall appear not to be within the Governor's reach, the Secretary of State will think it peculiarly incumbent on himself to select proper persons in this country.

9. Whenever half-pay Officers borne on the half-pay of Her Majesty's Army or Navy, or in the Ordnance and Commissariat Departments, shall be appointed to a civil situation in any of the Colonies, a report of the appointment, specifying the date and the amount of salary, is to be made immediately to the Secretary of State, which will by him be transmitted to the Secretary at War, the Master-general of the Ordnance, the Board of Admiralty, or to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, as the case may be.

10. Promotions of half-pay Officers in the Civil service are also to be notified forthwith to the Secretary of State, for the information of the respective Boards.

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