

certainly not without his own concurrence. The same remarks will apply both to Mr. Baird and Mr. Broadhead, both of whom were in districts in Berbice during the whole period of my government. Mr. Huggins was appointed by the Secretary of State from another colony, and was put in charge of the Essequibo Islands, then vacant, from which he was removed to the North coast, at his own request repeatedly made before it was in my power to comply with it. Mr. Plummer was the first Magistrate appointed on my own recommendation. He was an Acting Magistrate when I assumed the Government, and had been so, I think, on more than one previous occasion. On a vacancy occurring, I appointed him provisionally, but he was superseded by Mr. Des Vœux at the time. On the next vacancy his claim was recognized. He has never, I think, been removed, certainly not without his concurrence. Mr. Tucker was in public employment when I arrived in the Colony, and had acted as a Magistrate probably on more than one occasion. On the abolition of the office of Commissary of Taxation which he held, he was employed in another department, and was transferred to the Magistracy in the year 1868. I think he got a better district soon after his appointment at his own desire. Mr. Dampier, when first appointed, was placed on the Essequibo north coast, and was transferred to the Islands by exchange with Mr. Huggins, who had been several years in the Islands, which is one of the least desirable districts, and one which generally falls to the lot of a junior. Mr. Dampier, I may observe, came to the Colony with commendatory letters from the Secretary of State, and was appointed a Superintendent of Rivers and Creeks, and Justice of the Peace, by Governor Wodehouse, an office which he had held for some years before he was promoted to the Stipendiary Magistracy. Mr. Charles Cox came to the Colony from St. Christopher with a strong letter of recommendation to me from Governor Sir Benjamin Pine. He was repeatedly employed to act during temporary vacancies in the Magistracy and other offices, and had well earned his promotion before he obtained it. He was moved about a good deal, owing to his