

(2) Provided that any person authorized by law to make a solemn affirmation or declaration instead of taking an oath, may make such affirmation or declaration in lieu of such oath.

21. Subject to the provisions contained in Section 26 of these Our Letters Patent, all questions in the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly shall be determined by a majority of the votes of Members present, other than the President, Speaker, or presiding Member, who shall, however, have and exercise a casting vote in case of an equality of votes.

Questions to be decided by majority of votes.

22. If any Member of the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly—

Member's seat in Legislature, how vacated.

(1) shall be absent, except on the ground of illness, from the sittings of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly, as the case may be, for a period of one month during any session without the leave of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly, as the case may be ; or

(2) shall have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any contract with the Government of the Colony for or on account of the public service otherwise than as a member and in common with the other members of an incorporated company consisting of more than twenty-five persons ; or

(3) shall take any oath, or make any declaration or acknowledgment of allegiance, obedience, or adherence to any foreign State or Power ; or

(4) shall do, concur in, or adopt any act whereby he may become the subject or citizen of any such State or Power ; or

(5) shall become an insolvent or take advantage of any Law for the relief of insolvent debtors ; or

(6) shall be attainted of treason, or be sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine for a term of not less than twelve months ; or

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