

Public officers appointment and
removal, &c.

56. All persons in the Public Service of Southern Rhodesia at the commencement of these Our Letters Patent shall become public officers of the Colony, and the appointment to, and removal from, all public offices under the Government of the Colony hereafter to become vacant or to be created, save those of Ministers and Officers of the Native Department mentioned in Section 39 of these Our Letters Patent, shall, subject to any Law hereafter in force in the Colony, be vested in the Governor in Council: Provided that no public officer in the Colony who shall have been appointed to his office before the date of the commencement of these Our Letters Patent shall be removed from his office or have his emoluments reduced save in accordance with the Law, regulations or conditions governing his services at the date of these Our Letters Patent.

Pensions and Gratuities.

57.—(1) All pensions and gratuities which have been granted to persons who have retired from the Public Service of Southern Rhodesia before the date of the commencement of these Our Letters Patent shall be governed by the Law or rules under which they were granted.

(2) A public officer who shall have been appointed to his office in Southern Rhodesia before the date of the commencement of these Our Letters Patent including any public officer who shall, whether before or after that date, have been transferred to the service of any other Administration, shall be entitled to have his claim to pension or gratuity governed by the Law or rules which now regulate the grant of pensions and gratuities in Southern Rhodesia, unless he shall be entitled under any Law or rules which may hereafter be substituted for the same to exercise an option to have his said claim governed by such substituted Law or rules, and duly exercises the said option.

(3) All pensions and gratuities which have been or may be hereafter granted in accordance with the Law or rules which at the date of such grant

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