

the applicant, or his state of health as certified by his medical attendant; but should their decision in regard to the term of leave be influenced by any other circumstances, they must state what those circumstances are: the Governor, however, must abstain from recommending extension of leave by the Secretary of State.

5. The Governor will report to the Secretary of State each case in which leave of absence has been granted.

6. An officer to whom leave of absence has been granted, will be entitled to half salary during his absence from the Colony, but the half salary for the last half of the term of leave originally granted, will only be receivable on the resumption by the officer of his duty.*

7. The Governor will furnish every officer proceeding on leave of absence with a duplicate despatch to the Secretary of State, stating whether the officer on leave had been absent from the Colony on any former occasion, and if so, for what period; the ground on which the present leave had been granted, for what term, from what date, the amount of salary attached to the office, up to what date the officer had received any payment on account of salary, enclosing

* The Colonial Agents-general are in some cases instructed by Colonial Governments to make a deduction of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on payments of salaries, and of pensions from Colonial funds, in order to cover the expense of remittance to this country of the funds required for that purpose.