

public officer who is required by any statute or otherwise, to give security for the due fulfilment of the duties of any office to which he may be about to be appointed, or of which he may then be the incumbent, or for the due fulfilment of any obligation undertaken towards Her Majesty, or any person or persons for or on behalf of Her Majesty, and the European Assurance Company shall have full power and authority to enter into and give a bond or policy of guarantee for the purposes aforesaid, and if it be expressed in the body of such bond or policy of guarantee, or by endorsement thereon, that the said bond or policy is to be exempt from the operation of any of the clauses of the said deed of settlement, or of the said Imperial Act, the said bond or policy shall accordingly be exempt therefrom; but no such bond or policy shall be deemed accepted unless and until approved by the Governor in Council, and the same shall be in lieu of any other security required by law to be given by such public officer, or in addition thereto, or to any portion of such security, as may be stated in such approval of the Governor in Council.

**3.** The words "Public Officer," in this Act, shall mean and include any and every person or persons who may now hold, or may be hereafter appointed to, any office or place, or appointment under Her Majesty or under the Government in this Province. 20.