

129-133. (Omitted)**134. Relations with Governors of Colonies.***Sponsor: ACOS Pers Pol (RAF)*

- (1) The governor of a colony is the single and supreme authority responsible to, and representative of, HM. He is, by virtue of his commission and the Letters Patent or Order in Council constituting his office, entitled to the obedience, aid and assistance of all military, air force and civil officers; but although he may bear the title of captain-general or commander-in-chief, and although he may be a military or air force officer senior in rank to the officer commanding the troops or air force, he is not, except on special appointment from HM, invested with the command of HM regular forces in the colony. He is not therefore entitled to take the immediate direction of any military or air operations, or except in cases of urgent necessity, to communicate officially with subordinate military or air force officers without the concurrence of the officer in command of the forces, to whom any such exceptional communications must be immediately notified.
- (2) The governor, as the Queen's representative, will give the 'word' (parole) in all places within his government.
- (3) The OC the troops or air force is to render to the governor such returns as the latter may require relating to the strength and condition of the forces or to the military or air defences of the colony.
- (4) Whenever a governor who is not actually in command of HM forces shall have occasion to report upon, or bring under the consideration of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs matters which involve military or air force as well as civil consideration, or which require the concurrence or decision of the Secretary of State for Defence, he will, if there is an OC military or air forces in the colony, first communicate with that officer respecting the matters in question, and, having obtained that officer's opinion or observations thereon, he will transmit the same, with his own report to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and will, in every case, furnish the OC with a copy of any report he may make involving military or air force considerations. If the OC considers that these reports required the consideration of the Secretary of State for Defence he is to forward the duplicates with his observations by the same mail which conveys the original report to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.
- (5) Similarly, when the OC the troops or air force in a colony desires to bring to the notice of his military or air force superiors any matter which may involve civil as well as military or air force considerations, he is first to communicate with the governor with a view to obtaining his opinion thereon. He is to transmit with his own report any opinion or observations he may thus obtain, and in every case furnish the governor with a copy of any reports he may make on subjects other than military or air force discipline and routine. If the governor considers that these reports require the consideration of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, he will forward the duplicates with his observations by the same mail which conveys the original report to the Secretary of State for Defence.
- (6) For the purposes of this regulation, the term "governor" means the officer appointed by the Crown to administer the government, however such officer is styled. The term "colonies" includes colonies, protectorates, protected states and trust territories. For the purpose of clauses 1 to 3 of this paragraph colonies comprised under one governor-in-chief are regarded as a single colony.

135. (Omitted)**135A. Power of Command in relation to Forces raised in a Colony.***Sponsor: ACOS Pers Pol (RAF)*

- (1) Officers in local air forces raised in a colony shall take rank and precedence below officers of HM regular air force or the same or equivalent rank.
- (2) In relation to members of HM regular air force within a colony, officers of such local force therein shall have such powers of command as are vested in officers holding a commission in the RAF of the same or equivalent rank, provided nevertheless that such powers of command shall be exercised only on such occasions or during such period or periods, or in such circumstances as may be declared by the Defence Council with the concurrence of the Governor of the Colony.

136-137 (Omitted)

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138-149. *(Omitted)*