

2. (i.) There shall be a Vice-Chairman of the Commission, who, in the absence or illness or other incapacity of the Chairman, shall have and exercise the powers and authorities of the Chairman.

(ii.) The Vice-Chairman of the Commission shall be appointed by the Commission.

3. (i.) There shall be a Secretary to the Commission, and as many Assistant Secretaries, not exceeding three, as may be necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Commission.

(ii.) The Secretary and Assistant Secretaries shall be appointed by the President.

(iii.) The Secretary and Assistant Secretaries shall not be members of the Commission, but the Secretary, or, in the event of his absence, illness, or other incapacity, one of the Assistant Secretaries, shall attend every meeting of the Commission and assist the Commission in the transaction of its business thereat.

4. The Commission shall meet for the despatch of business, and shall from time to time make such regulations with respect to the summoning, notice, place, management, and adjournment of such meetings and generally with respect to the transaction and management of business, as they think fit, subject to the following conditions:—

(a.) The first meeting of the Commission shall be held on such day after the date of this our charter, and at such place, as may be determined by the President, and, subject to the provisions of this our charter, the proceedings at any such first meeting of the Commission shall be conducted in such manner as may be directed by the President.

(b.) The quorum of the Commission shall consist of five members, or such other number as the President, with the concurrence of the Commission, may declare.

(c.) Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present and voting on that question.

(d.) The names of the members present at a meeting shall be recorded, and, upon a requisition made by three or more members voting on a question, the names of the members voting on that question shall be recorded.

5. (i.) If at any meeting neither the President nor the Chairman nor the Vice-Chairman is present at the time appointed for holding the same, the members present shall choose some one of their number to preside at such meeting.

(ii.) In case of an equality of votes at any meeting the person presiding at such meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

(iii.) If any Official Member is unable to be present at any meeting he may appoint some fit person to represent him at such meeting, and such representative shall be entitled to exercise all the powers and privileges of such member save that he shall not be entitled or chosen to preside at such meeting.

6. The Commission may from time to time delegate all or any of its powers to committees, consisting of such number of its members as the Commission may think fit, and may appoint the quorum for any such committee. Such committees shall have power to make or adopt such rules for the guidance and regulation of the affairs of the Commission specially delegated to them, and as to the holding of their meetings and the conduct of their business thereat, as they may from time to time see fit, subject to the control of the Commission.

7. (i.) The Commission may from time to time appoint advisory committees, consisting of such persons as the Commission may think fit, to advise the Commission, either permanently or temporarily, on any special subject.

(ii.) The members of such advisory committees shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the Commission. Such advisory committees shall have power to make or adopt such regulations as to the holding of their meetings and the conduct of their business thereat as they may from time to time see fit, but shall obey any directions given them by the Commission as to the exercise of their powers with regard to the subject referred to them.

8. The Commission may from time to time constitute and maintain agencies in our Dominions beyond the seas and in our Protectorates and in foreign States charged with the duty of aiding the Commission to carry locally into effect any of the purposes of the Commission, and may delegate to any such agency such of the powers, authorities, and privileges conferred on the Commission by this our charter as may be specified in the instrument constituting such agency.

V. PURPOSES AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.

1. The purposes of the Commission are the following:—

(i.) To acquire and hold land for the purpose of cemeteries in any territory in which any officers or men of our Military or Naval Forces raised in any part of our Empire who shall have fallen in the present war may be buried:

(ii.) To make fit provision for the burial of officers and men of our said Forces and the care of all graves in such cemeteries, to erect buildings and permanent memorials therein, and generally to provide for the maintenance and upkeep of such cemeteries, buildings, and memorials:

(iii.) To complete and maintain records and registers of all graves within such cemeteries:

(iv.) To make fit provision for the care of all graves of officers or men of our said Forces who shall have fallen in the present war and may be buried elsewhere than in such cemeteries as aforesaid:

(v.) To acquire and hold land for the purpose of providing or erecting permanent memorials elsewhere than in such cemeteries as aforesaid in honour of any officers or men of our said Forces who shall have fallen in the present war.