

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 24th Day of October, 1904.

PUBLIC OFFICERS' APPOINTMENT AND POWERS BILL.

Hon. Mr. PITT, in Committee, to move the following new clauses :—

Certain functions of Commissioner of Taxes to be performed by Valuer-General.

2A. The Valuer-General is hereby substituted for the Commissioner of Taxes as member of the following Boards :—

The Board constituted under "The Government Life Insurance Act, 1886."

The Native Land Purchase Board, constituted under "The Native Land Acquisition Act, 1893."

The Government Advances to Settlers Board, constituted under "The Government Advances to Settlers Act, 1894."

The Public Trust Office Board, constituted under "The Public Trust Office Consolidation Act, 1894."

The Board of Land Purchase Commissioners, constituted under "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900."

Certain statutory duties of Commissioner of Taxes to be performed by Valuer-General.

2B. The duties required to be performed by the Commissioner of Taxes under "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act 1885 Amendment Act, 1886," and such of the duties as are now required to be performed by him under "The Crown and Native Lands Rating Act, 1882," shall hereafter be performed by the Valuer-General and not by the Commissioner of Taxes.

Temporary appointments on illness, &c., of Agent-General or Audit Officer.

4A. In addition to the powers conferred on the Commissioners by sections fifty-nine and sixty-four of "The Public Revenues Act, 1891," they may from time to time appoint some person temporarily to the office of Agent-General in the event of the illness or temporary incapacity of the Agent-General, and also appoint some person temporarily as Audit Officer in the event of the illness or temporary incapacity of the Audit Officer, as the case may require :

Provided that such last-mentioned appointment shall only be made in cases of special emergency where the Audit Office cannot be communicated with, and such appointment shall in every case be subject to the approval of the Audit Office when communicated with.