

Governor's Office,  
Chieftaincy Division,  
Akure.

26 July, 1983.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To: Secretaries to all Local Governments.

Chieftaincy Declarations

By my circular letter No. CD/C.6/Vol.V/197 of 30th August, 1982, Chieftaincy Committees of all Local Governments in Ondo State were directed to make declarations on Chieftaincies included in the Government White Paper on the first report of the Morgan Chieftaincy Review Commission of Inquiry. By way of a follow up action, the Special Adviser for Chieftaincy Affairs held a meeting with you on 31st August, 1982, in the Executive Council Chambers where he mentioned, among other things, that petitions had been received in respect of a number of the chieftaincies, which he advised should be left out until further notice.

2. I am directed to inform you that after a very careful consideration, His Excellency the Governor has decided that the Chieftaincy Committees of the competent Local Governments should proceed to make declarations in respect of the chieftaincies in the manner set out in the aforementioned circular letter.

3. I like to seize this opportunity to observe that this Office had had cause to return some of the declarations made recently because of one or more of the following reasons:

(i) failure to obtain the comments of the Management Committees of the competent Local Governments as provided in the Chiefs Law, Section 5, sub-section (4);

(ii) failure to state whether or not the customary law relating to the filling of vacancies include consultation of all;

and (iii) deviation from the official format.

4. For the avoidance of doubt, Chieftaincy Committees are not expected to make declarations on chieftaincies that have been re-remitted to any Chieftaincy Review Commission for one reason or the other. They are also not to make declarations on chieftaincies on which Government White Papers are being challenged in any of the Law Courts. This warning is given because protest letters have been received in this Office that some Chieftaincy Committees were allegedly making declarations on these categories of chieftaincies.



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for Secretary to the State Government.