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§ 25.2. Duties of the Minister.

The duties of the Minister shall include:

- (a) The successful conduct and improvement of local government through supervision and direction of the activities of the political subdivisions of the central government;
- (b) Managing of tribal affairs and all matters arising out of tribal relationships;
- (c) Coordinating and implementing Government services rendered through the units of Local Government;
- (d) Reviewing proposed budgets, taxes, projects, and programs proposed by local government units, and making recommendations and taking steps necessary for the implementation of the proposed activities;
- (e) Being represented at meetings of the consultative Boards of the County Superintendents; reporting at such meetings on progress made in the counties, and suggesting means for making government service programs more effective. He shall see that each member of the Board, other than honorary member, performs his duties diligently, and may remove from office or otherwise discipline any member who is remiss, or if such member is an officer or employee of another government agency, may recommend disciplinary measures to the head of that agency;
- (f) Determining the readiness of a county or other unit of local government for increased responsibility; consulting with local leaders to work out the form and amount of local responsibilities to be allowed, and where a local government unit petitions for

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a charter, advising the Legislature through the President of the form, powers and duties which in his opinion should be granted the petitioner;

(g) Assisting County, Territorial and District Superintendents in drafting orders for administering their local government, and reviewing such orders after they come into effect;

(h) Overseeing the selection, training, and efficient performance of administrative personnel of local government;

(i) Overseeing the orderly functioning of tribal government and drafting rules and regulations to effectuate this purpose. The rules and regulations shall include provisions relating to tribal domestic relations, regulating and setting procedures in tribal trials, regulating cultural institutions and societies, and stating the schedules of fees to be allowed in tribal courts;

(j) Supervising the elections of Paramount, Clan Chief and Town Chiefs in cooperation with the Elections Commission;

(k) Reviewing the budget of tribal treasurers and supervising tribal authorities in the keeping of proper records;

(l) Administering the system of tribal courts;

**2** (m) Exercising administrative supervision over the Poro, Sande and other tribal societies through the Liaison Officer for Tribal Societies;

(n) Overseeing the collection and publication of the laws and customs of the Liberian tribes;

(o) Initiating and organizing programs for rural community

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development with emphasis on housing and other facilities designed to transform rural communities into viable towns;

(p) Initiating and organizing programs for the planned growth of urban areas with emphasis on projects to provide for adequate and satisfactory housing accommodation and other facilities;

(q) Coordinating plans and programs for self-help project;

(r) Performing such other duties as shall be assigned him from time to time by the President.<sup>105</sup>

§ 25.3. Liaison Officer for Liberian Tribal Societies.

The President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint in the Bureau of Tribal Affairs of the Ministry a Liaison Officer for Liberian Tribal Societies whose duty shall be, subject to the direction and control of the Minister, to investigate and report conditions relating to Liberian Tribal Societies, including the Poro and Sande Societies.<sup>106</sup>

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