Service Matters Department, Office of the Head of Service, Governor's Office, Akure.

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## Circular Letter to:

The Chief of Staff to Mr. Governor,
The Deputy Chief of Staff to the Deputy Governor,
State Commissioners,
The Secretary to the State Government,
Office of the Head of Service,
Chairmen of Commissions/Corporations,
Permanent Secretaries/Tutors-General/Director-General,
The Clerk, Ondo State House of Assembly,
The State Auditor-General,
The Accountant-General,
The Auditor-General for Local Governments,
The Statistician-General,
General Managers/Heads of Non-Ministerial Depts.

## ADHERENCE TO OFFICIAL CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION ON PETITIONS AND APPEALS BY SERVING OFFICERS

It has become a commonplace that serving Public Servants write petitions and appeals on issues bordering on their careers directly to the Governor and heads of other arms of the State Public Service without the knowledge and input of their Accounting Officers and even the Office of the Head of Service. In some cases, officers of the same Cadre or shared interest would constitute themselves into pressure groups and compromise the laid-down channel of communication to press home their demand. Some even go to the ridiculous extent of employing blackmail and other unorthodox tactics. This practice is not in line with the extant rules of communication in the Service and could prejudice the decency of the Service.

- 2. It is against this background that the Head of Service has directed that henceforth all petitions and appeals by serving officers must be routed through the relevant Accounting Officers to the Office of the Head of Service. This would enable appropriate input to be made for the ultimate consideration of such petitions/appeals by the relevant authority.
- 3. All Public Servants in the State are to note that any further disregard to the laid-down channel of communication will attract the maximum sanctions prescribed in the rules.
- 4. Accounting Officers are enjoined to note the content of this Circular and disseminate same to all staff of their respective Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). It will also not be out of place if staff are given enough sensitization on this important subject, please.

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