

Governor's Office,
Akure.
18th January, 1983.

CIRCULAR LETTER

TO: All Secretaries of Local Governments

Making of Chieftaincy Declaration for Recognised
Chieftaincies

I am directed to refer to our letter No. CD/C.61/Vol.V/197 of 30th August 1982 directing the Chieftaincy Committees in all the Local Government Areas of the State to make suitable declarations in respect of the recognised chieftaincies in their respective Local Government areas in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the Chiefs Law, Cap. 19. The Chieftaincy declarations were to be, submitted to reach this office not later than 21st September, 1982.

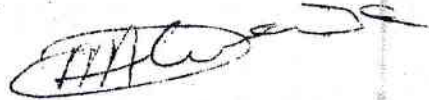
2. It is distressing that most of the Chieftaincy Committees have not submitted a single chieftaincy declaration up till date. It will be recalled that at one stage, a circular letter reference No. CD/C.61/Vol.V/250 dated 12th October 1982 had to be issued to emphasise that while priority should be given to vacant chieftaincy stools the committee should also prepare suitable declarations for other recognised chieftaincies in Local Government area whether or not such chieftaincy are vacant. Yet many Chieftaincy Committees have not submitted declarations in respect of chieftaincies within their areas of jurisdiction.

3. I am to say that such flagrant disregard for clear directives is to say the least, most disappointing. All the Secretaries of the defaulting Chieftaincy Committees which had hitherto handled this important assignment with laxity are therefore advised in their own interests to take immediate action and submit necessary chieftaincy declarations to this office not later than Monday, the 21st of February, 1983.

4. I should also like to caution that the declarations should

be on to the correct format already prescribed and they
be free from any ambiguity or assumption. After all, the
purpose of making chieftaincy declarations is to ensure smooth
transition to vacant chieftaincy stools.

I am also emphasise that the Secretaries of the various
Local Governments who are incidentally the Secretaries to the
Chieftaincy Committees in their respective Local Government
are personally required to ensure that the comments of the
Local Governments are always forwarded along with the declarations
to the office in accordance with Section 6(1) (b) of the Chiefs
Decree, Cap. 19.



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for Secretary to the State Government.