

**Society Seneschal's Corpora interpretation regarding warranting of deputy kingdom officers, upheld by the Board October 24, 2021:**

Corpora VII.A.2, Kingdom Officers—General, located on Page 27 of the Governing Documents, reads:

*Kingdom Great Officers are responsible directly to the Crown, but also report to a corresponding Society officer if such a Society officer exists. Each Kingdom's Great Officer corps must include the Seneschal, the Principal Herald, the Earl Marshal, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Chronicler. No person may hold more than one of these Great offices at a time. The Crown may create additional Great Offices. **Kingdom Lesser Officers and deputies are created by the Crown according to the needs of the kingdom. These officers may be supervised directly by the Crown, or be placed under the jurisdiction of a Greater Officer, and report accordingly. However, Great Officers retain ultimate responsibility for delegated functions.***

(Emphasis mine.)

I was asked whether the bolded sentence above gives the Crown the power to appoint deputies to kingdom officers over the objection of the kingdom officer, which could leave the kingdom officer holding the bag if the Crown-chosen deputy was derelict in their duties. My interpretation is that the Crown may not unilaterally appoint deputies to kingdom officers, or lesser officers that serve under a kingdom officer. They may appoint lesser officers that are “supervised directly by the Crown”.

In Section VII.I, Appointment to Office (Page 29), Corpora states that kingdom Greater Officers are appointed by the Crown, to be ratified by the corresponding Society Officer. It then states that Lesser Officers are appointed “in a parallel manner, where the Great Officer takes the place of the Society Officer.” Further, in the section on Warrants, Corpora states that warrants must be signed by “the appropriate Royalty and the responsible superior officer.”

As no officer can be compelled to sign a warrant, it seems clear that Royalty may not appoint a deputy or lesser officer who will be under the supervision of a superior officer other than the Royalty, without that superior officer's consent to the appointment.