No. 571.—His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—

Ordinance No. 23 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Evidence Ordinance, 1889.

Ordinance No. 24 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Land Registration Ordinance, 1844.

A. G. M. FLETCHER, Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 31st December, 1915.

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 572.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Charles Alexander Dick Melbourne to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court, Registrar of Companies, Official Administrator and Official Trustee, and Registrar of the Supreme Court (In Prize), during the absence of Mr. Hugh Adair Nisbet, with effect from the 29th December, 1915.

30th December, 1915.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 573.—It is hereby notified that the Board of Trade will hold a British Trade Fair, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, on the lines adopted at the last Fair. An Exhibition of samples of British manufacture exhibited by manufacturers in order to place contract limited to toys, fancy goods, china, earthenware goods, glass-ware, printing stationery, will be opened February 21st and will be kept open for 12 days. Prospective buyers should communicate direct with the Board of Trade British Industries Fair, 32 Cheapside, London, E.C.

No. 574.—The following Extract from the Board of Trade Journal of 21st October, 1915, is published for general information.

CLAUD SEVERN,

Colonial Secretary.

31st December, 1915.

NOTICE TO SHIPOWNERS.

INACCURATE MANIFESTS.

The attention of the Board of Trade has been called to cases in which goods exported from the United Kingdom have been detained by the Allied Authorities on the ground that the bills of lading covering such goods did not correspond exactly with the manifests of the ships on which they were carried. For instance, a ship was recently detained by the Italian Authorities because the ship's manifest did not specify that the goods were in transit for Switzerland, a fact which was clearly shown in the bills of lading.

His Majesty's Government and the Allied Governments attach the utmost importance to the accurate making out in full detail of ships' manifests; and His Majesty's Government have frequently acted with severity where the manifests on board foreign ships have been found not to correspond with the bills of lading. In these circumstances shipowners are warned not only that His Majesty's Government would find it difficult to support their claims against foreign Governments in cases where an irregularity of the nature indicated was made the ground of the detention of goods exported from the United Kingdom, but that the shippers would have a grave grievance against the shipowners in such cases.