

No. 134.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. ARTHUR GEORGE MURCHISON FLETCHER, C.B.E., to act as Colonial Secretary during the absence on leave of the Honourable Mr. CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G., LL.D., or until further notice, with effect from this date.

11th March, 1920.

No. 135.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. WILLIAM JAMES CARRIE to act as Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils, with effect from this date, and until further notice.

11th March, 1920.

No. 136.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, provisionally and pending the receipt of instructions from His Majesty's Government, to recognise Mr. ANTONIO LUIZ CERVEIRA DE ALBUQUERQUE as being in charge of the Consulate for Portugal in Hongkong.

12th March, 1920.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 137.—The following Admiralty Fleet Orders dated the 10th December, 1919, regarding the award of the British War Medal and the "Victory Medal", are published for general information.

M.O. 3973.—British War Medal.

(C.W. 26721—10.12.1919.)

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the issue of a Medal to record the bringing of the War to a successful conclusion, and the arduous services rendered by His Majesty's Forces.

1. The Medal will be in silver.
2. The riband will be orange (watered) in the centre with stripes of white and black on each side and with borders of Royal blue.
3. Provided the claims are approved by the Admiralty, the medal will be granted to those of the undermentioned classes who performed 28 days' mobilised service, or lost their lives in active operations before completing that period, between the 5th August, 1914, and 11th November, 1918, both dates inclusive :—

- (a) Officers, Warrant Officers, Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Navy Marines, Royal Naval Air Services, Royal Indian Marine, Royal Naval Reserve (including Trawler and Fishery Sections), Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and Dominion and Colonial Naval Forces.
- (b) Mercantile Marine Officers and men serving in His Majesty's Commissioned Ships and Auxiliaries under Special Naval Engagements (T.124 and its variants, including T.299).
- (c) Officers and enrolled members of the Women's Royal Naval Service who proceeded and served overseas.
- (d) Members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve, and recognised official nursing organisations, who served in a hospital ship at sea or proceeded overseas and served in a Naval Hospital abroad.