of his functions except in certain cases, which exceptions include the responsibility for matters relating to Defence and External Affairs conferred upon him by the Order.

The Legislative Assembly consists of a Speaker and 104 Elected Members.

The Order also makes provision for the Public Service and the Judicature in the Gold Coast and establishes a Public Service Commission and a Judicial Service Commission.

The Fourth Schedule to the Order contains provisions concerning the retirement of certain officers from the Public Service of the Gold Coast and for the grant of compensatory pensions or lump sum compensation to such officers.

1954 No. 1567

The Gold Coast (Validation of Judges' Appointments) Order in Council, 1954

Made - - - -	*24th November*, 1954
Laid before Parliament	*1st December*, 1954
Coming into Operation	*On publication in the Gold Coast Gazette**

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of November, 1954

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the British Settlements Acts, 1887 and 1945(a), the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890(b), and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Gold Coast (Validation of Judges' Appointments) Order in Council, 1954, and shall come into operation upon the date of publication in the Official *Gazette* of the Gold Coast, which day shall not be earlier than the day after the day on which this Order shall have been laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Validation of appointments and acts of Judges

2.—(1) Every person, notice of whose appointment or purported appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Gold Coast has, before the commencement of this Order, been published in the Official *Gazette* of the Gold Coast and who was not so appointed by letters patent issued in accordance with section 4 of the Courts Ordinance of the Gold Coast(c) and bearing date not later than the date specified in

(a) 50 & 51 Vict. c. 54 and 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 7.
(b) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37.
(c) Cap. 4, Laws of the Gold Coast 1936 Rev. I, p. 21.
* 11.12.54.

the notice as the date of such appointment, shall for all purposes whatsoever be deemed to have been duly appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court by letters patent issued as aforesaid on the date specified in such notice as the date of such appointment.

(2) In pursuance of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section the Governor may issue to any person to whom that subsection applies letters patent under the said section 4 of the Courts Ordinance expressed to take effect from the date which, by virtue of the provisions of the said subsection (1), is to be deemed to be the date of his appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court.

Power to revoke or amend reserved to Her Majesty

3. Her Majesty hereby reserves to Herself, Her Heirs and Successors power, with the advice of Her or Their Privy Council, to amend, add to or revoke this Order as to Her or Them shall seem fit.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Section 4 of the Courts Ordinance of the Gold Coast provides that Judges of the Supreme Court of the Gold Coast shall be appointed by the Governor by letters patent under the Seal of the Colony in accordance with such instructions as he may receive from Her Majesty. Such letters patent were not issued to certain persons, notices of whose appointments or purported appointments as Judges of the Supreme Court were published in the Gold Coast *Gazette*, or were issued to them subsequently and purported to have retrospective effect. This Order provides that every such person shall for all purposes be deemed to have been duly appointed by letters patent issued in accordance with section 4 of the Courts Ordinance upon the date specified in the notice in the *Gazette* as the date of such appointment.