

or in pursuance of section three of "The Marriage Act, 1890," authorizes any high commissioner, resident, or other officer outside Her Majesty's dominions, not being a consul as defined by this Order to solemnize and register marriages, then for the purpose of marriages solemnized and registered by or before any high commissioner, resident, or officer, or person so authorized expressions in the Consular Marriage Acts shall be construed as follows :

- (a.) expressions referring to the district of a consul or of a consulate shall be construed to refer to the district for which such high commissioner, resident, or officer, or person, is authorized to act for the purpose of the Foreign Marriage Acts ;
- (b.) the expression "consulate" shall be construed to refer either to the office held by him, or as the case requires, to the building or part of a building or place specified in the document by which he is authorized to act ;
- (c.) the expression "office of the consulate" shall be construed to refer to such portion of the building, part, or place so specified as is ordinarily accessible to the public ;
- (d.) the expression "consular seal" shall be construed to refer to his official seal, or if he has no official seal, to any seal ordinarily used by him, if the latter seal is authenticated by his signature with the addition of his official name or description.

Her Majesty's Ships.

12.—(1.) Marriages under the Foreign Marriage Acts on board one of Her Majesty's vessels may be solemnized by or before a commanding officer of such rank and of such vessel as is for the time being authorized for that purpose by or in pursuance of any Admiralty instructions, and for the purpose of any such marriages the Consular Marriage Acts shall be construed as if a commanding officer so authorized although not having a written authority under section nineteen of "The Consular Marriage Act, 1849," were a duly authorized consul within the meaning of the Consular Marriage Acts, and for the purpose of such marriages, expressions in those Acts shall be construed as follows :—

- (a.) expressions referring to the district of a consul or of a consulate shall be construed to refer to such parts of the foreign station to which the commanding officer is attached as may be specified in that behalf by Admiralty instructions ;
 - (b.) expressions referring to the consulate shall be construed to refer either to the office of the said commanding officer or to his vessel, as the case may require.
 - (c.) expressions referring to the office of the consulate shall be construed to refer to the part of the ship on which public notices are affixed.
- (2.) Expressions referring to the consular seal shall refer to the seal ordinarily used by the commanding officer if the latter seal is authenticated by his signature with the addition of his official description.
- (3.) The commanding officer, before he solemnizes a marriage, shall be satisfied that at the port or place where the marriage is solemnized sufficient facilities do not exist for the solemnization of the marriage on land, either in accordance with the local law of the country or in accordance with the Foreign Marriage Acts.
- (4.) The requirements of the Foreign Marriage Acts as to residence and notice shall be modified as follows, namely, not less than three weeks'

notice of the intended marriage must have been given in such public manner, or to such relatives or friends of the parties, as satisfies the commanding officer that as much notice of the intended marriage has been given as would be given if the marriage took place in England, and that the marriage is not clandestine.

13. The forms in the First Schedule to this Order, or forms to the like effect, shall be used in all cases to which they are applicable.

14. The fees which may be taken in respect of matters under the Foreign Marriage Acts shall be those set forth in the Second Schedule to this Order, and no others.

Definitions.

15. In this Order—

The expression "ambassador" includes minister and chargé d'affaires, and references to the embassy or embassy house shall be construed accordingly ;

The expression "Consular Marriage Acts" means the Consular Marriage Act, 1849, and the Consular Marriage Act, 1868 ;

The expression "Foreign Marriage Acts" means the Consular Marriage Act, 1849, the Consular Marriage Act, 1868, the Marriage Act, 1890, and the Foreign Marriage Act, 1891 ;

The expression "consul" as used in articles eight, nine, and eleven of this Order, includes every officer authorized under section nineteen of the Consular Marriage Act, 1849, as amended by the Consular Marriage Act, 1868, and the Foreign Marriage Act, 1891, but not an ambassador, governor, high commissioner, resident, or person authorized by virtue of the Marriage Act, 1890.

Other expressions have the same meaning as in the Foreign Marriage Acts.

And the Most Honourable the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., and the Right Honourable Lord Knutsford, two of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

C. L. Peel.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

FORMS.

Form of Oath.

I, *A.B.*, of _____ make oath and say as follows :—

(1.) A marriage is proposed to be solemnized between me and *C.D.*

(2.) I believe that there is not any impediment in kindred or alliance, or other lawful hindrance to the above marriage.

(3.) Both I and *C.D.* have for three weeks immediately preceding this date had our usual place of abode within the district of [*here insert the official title of the marriage officer, and in the case of a consul the place where he is appointed to reside*] that is to say I at _____ and *C.D.* at _____

(4.) Neither I nor *C.D.* is under the age of twenty-one years ; [*or, as the case may be, I am under the age of twenty-one years, but I am the widow of _____, who died on the _____ day of _____ 18 _____*] [*or I am under the age of twenty-one years, and the consent of G.H., whose consent is required to my marriage, is given as shown by the writing under his hand now shown to me and marked _____*].

Note.—Where the requirements of the Foreign Marriage Acts as to residence have been dispensed with, the form of paragraph 3 of the oath by *A.B.* will be as follows :—