CHAPTER 51.

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (WAR MARRIAGES).

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Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Matrimonial Causes (War Marriages) Act.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act—

"the appointed day" means such day as the Administrator in Council may by Order appoint;

"marriage" includes a purported marriage which was void *ab initio*, and "husband" and "wife" shall be construed accordingly.

Extension of jurisdiction of Supreme Court to certain marriages irrespective of domicile.

3. (1) In the case of marriages to which this section applies—

(*a*) the Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction in and in relation to proceedings for divorce or for nullity of marriage as if both parties were at all material times domiciled in the Colony;

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(*b*) section 2 of the Matrimonial Causes Act (which restricts the presentation of petitions for divorce during the first three years after marriage) shall not apply:

Provided that this subsection shall not apply in relation to any proceedings for divorce or for nullity of marriage unless those proceedings were commenced not later than five years after the appointed day.

(2) The marriages to which this section applies are marriages celebrated on or after the 3rd day of September, 1939, but before the appointed day, where the husband was, at the time of the marriage, domiciled outside the Colony, and the wife was, immediately before the marriage, domiciled in the Colony:

Provided that this section shall not apply to any marriage if, since the celebration thereof, the parties thereto have at any time resided together in the country in which the husband was domiciled at the time of the residence, and for the purposes of this proviso the whole of the United States of America, the whole of the United Kingdom, the whole of India, the whole of Pakistan and the whole of any British possession shall each be treated as one country.

(3) This section shall not extend or alter the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in, or in relation to, any proceedings for divorce or for nullity of marriage where, at the commencement of those proceedings the parties are domiciled anywhere in the Colony.

CHAPTER 49.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE ACT.

No subsidiary legislation.

CHAPTER 50.

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT.

No subsidiary legislation.

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CHAPTER 51.

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (WAR MARRIAGES) ACT.

THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (WAR MARRIAGES) (APPOINTED DAY) ORDER, 1950, DATED JULY 13, 1950, MADE UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (WAR MARRIAGES) ACT.

1. SHORT TITLE. This Order may be cited as the Matrimonial Causes (War Marriages) (Appointed Day) Order.

2. APPOINTED DAY. For the purposes of the Act, the appointed day shall be the 1st day of June, 1950.