

**Dominica, Gambia, Gold Coast, Hong Kong, Leeward  
Islands, Mauritius, St. Vincent, Straits Settlements and  
Trinidad and Tobago**

**1916 No. 555**

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of July, 1916.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.

Mr. Secretary Samuel.

Lord Steward.

Sir Frederick Ponsonby.

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(a) For the Order in Council relating to Ceylon and its Dependencies  
*see* S.R. & O. 1918 (No. 249) I, p. 511.

Whereas by the First Section of the Marriage of British Subjects (Facilities) Act, 1915, it is (amongst other things) enacted as follows :—

“Where His Majesty is satisfied that the law in force in any part of His Majesty’s Dominions outside the United Kingdom makes due provision for the publication of banns or for the giving of notice in respect of marriages between British subjects intended to be solemnized or contracted in the United Kingdom, and for the recognition of certificates for marriage issued by superintendent registrars in England, and of certificates for marriage issued by registrars, and certificates of proclamation of banns, in Scotland, and of certificates for marriage issued by registrars in Ireland, as sufficient notice in respect of marriages between British subjects intended to be solemnized or contracted in that part of His Majesty’s Dominions, His Majesty may by Order in Council declare that this Section shall apply to that part of His Dominions, and in such case—

“(a) Where a marriage is intended to be solemnized or contracted in the United Kingdom between a British subject resident in England, Scotland, or Ireland, and a British subject resident in that part of His Majesty’s Dominions, a certificate of notice of marriage issued in accordance with such law shall in England have the same effect as a certificate for marriage issued by a superintendent registrar, and in Scotland and Ireland have the same effect as a certificate for marriage issued by a registrar in Scotland and Ireland respectively ; and

“(b) Where a marriage is intended to be solemnized or contracted in that part of His Majesty’s Dominions between a British subject resident in that part and a British subject resident in England, Scotland, or Ireland, a certificate for marriage may be issued in England by a superintendent registrar, or in Scotland or Ireland by a registrar, in the like manner as if the marriage was to be solemnized or contracted under circumstances requiring the issue of such a certificate, and as if both such British subjects were resident in England, Scotland, or Ireland, as the case may be.”

And whereas His Majesty is satisfied that due provision is made in respect of all the matters referred to in the hereinbefore recited Section of the said Act by the law in force in the parts of His Majesty’s Dominions outside the United Kingdom hereinafter mentioned :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers by the above-recited Act in His Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

The First Section of the Marriage of British Subjects (Facilities) Act, 1915, shall apply to the parts of His Majesty’s Dominions outside the United Kingdom hereunder mentioned :—

The Colony of Dominica (a)  
The Colony of the Gambia,  
The Gold Coast Colony,

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(a) The Dominica Order in Council, 1939 (S.R. & O. 1939 No. 1896 see the title “Windward Islands”) added the Colony of Dominica to this Order in Council.

*MARRIAGE*

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The Colony of Hong Kong,  
The Colony of the Leeward Islands,  
The Colony of Mauritius,  
The Island of Saint Vincent,  
The Colony of the Straits Settlements,  
The Colony of Trinidad and Tobago.

And the Right Honourable Andrew Bonar Law, one of His Majesty's  
Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein  
accordingly.

*Almeric Fitzroy.*

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