

MARRIAGE.

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TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF MARRIAGE AND THE ISSUING OF CERTIFICATES THEREOF FOR THE PURPOSES OF MARRIAGE OUTSIDE CYPRUS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT, THE FOREIGN MARRIAGE ACT, 1892.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Foreign Marriage Law, 1922. Short title.

2. In this Law:—

Inter-
pretation.

“ Marriage Officer ” means a person appointed to be a Marriage Officer for the purposes of this Law.

3. The High Commissioner may, for the purposes of this Law, from time to time appoint for each district of the island such number of Marriage Officers as he thinks fit and may remove any such Marriage Officer. Until the High Commissioner shall otherwise provide, every Commissioner shall be a Marriage Officer for his district. Appoint-
ment of
Marriage
Officers.

4. A notice of a marriage intended to be solemnized outside Cyprus under the Act of the Imperial Parliament, the Foreign Marriage Act, 1892, or of any Act amending or in substitution for the same may in Cyprus be given and a certificate by a Marriage Officer of the giving of such notice may be obtained in accordance with the provisions of this Law and not otherwise. Notice of
Marriage
under
55 & 56
Vict. c. 23.

5. A notice of marriage intended to be solemnized under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1892, may be given by one of the parties intending such marriage who has had his usual place of abode for a period of not less than one week immediately preceding in Cyprus to the Marriage Officer of the district in which he has had his place of abode. Such notice shall be as near as may be in the form set Notice of
intended
marriage.

forth in the First Schedule and shall be signed by the person by whom it is given.

Certificate
of notice.

6. The Marriage Officer to whom the notice is addressed shall file it in his office and shall enter a copy thereof, with the date of entry, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose (which book shall be open to inspection by any person during office hours), and shall cause a copy or copies of the notice to be posted in some public place or places within his district and to remain so posted until he shall issue a certificate in respect of the intended marriage as hereinafter provided, or until the expiration of three months from the date of the notice.

If the person applying for the certificate is a subject of a foreign Government having a Consul in Cyprus, the Marriage Officer shall forward to the Cyprus Consulate of such Government a certified copy of the notice of marriage; and if the person applying for the certificate is a person who, being an Ottoman subject, became or shall become, or who, being the child of such person, shall become, a British subject under or by virtue of the Cyprus (Annexation) Orders in Council, 1914 and 1917, the Marriage Officer shall forward a copy to the competent ecclesiastical chief of such person.

Certificate
of notice.

7. At any time not more than three months nor less than fifteen days after the giving of the notice, the Marriage Officer receiving it or some other Marriage Officer of the same district shall, on the request of the person giving the notice, give to him a certificate as near as may be in the form in the Second Schedule, unless the issue of such certificate has been forbidden in the manner hereinafter provided.

If an appeal has been made to the High Commissioner as provided in section 11 (2), the period which shall have elapsed between the date of the entering of the caveat and the date when the decision of the High Commissioner is communicated to the person applying for the certificate shall not be reckoned as part of the three months within which the certificate may be issued.

Declaration
of parties
that no
impediment
exists.

8. Before a Marriage Officer issues any certificate the person applying for the certificate shall appear personally before him, and make a declaration on oath or solemn affirmation (which the Marriage Officer and every person appointed by the High Commissioner to take such declaration is hereby empowered to administer or receive) that he knows of no impediment or lawful hindrance to the marriage, and either that the consent of the parties required by this Law to consent to the marriage has been obtained, or that no such consent