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**An Ordinance to Provide for the Maintenance of Married Women
who shall have been Deserted by their Husbands.**

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Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Married Women's Maintenance Ordinance.

Wife may
summon
husband for
desertion.

2. It shall be lawful for any married woman, who shall have been deserted by her husband, to summon her husband before a Magistrate, and thereupon such Magistrate, if satisfied that the husband, being able wholly or in part to maintain his wife or his wife and family, has wilfully refused or neglected so to do, and has deserted his wife, may order—

(1) that the husband shall pay to his wife such weekly sum, not exceeding four pounds, as the Magistrate may consider to be in accordance with his means and with any means the wife may have for her support and the support of her family, and the said Magistrate, by whom any such order for payment shall be made, or any succeeding Magistrate sitting in his stead, shall have power from time to time to vary the same, on the application of either the husband or wife, upon proof that the means of either the husband or wife have been altered in amount since the original order, or any subsequent order varying it, shall have been made:

(2) Provided always that no order for payment of any such sum by the husband shall be made in favour of a wife who shall be proved to have committed adultery unless such