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**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 24th day of *November*, 1891.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.

Earl of Limerick.

Lord Walter Gordon-Lennox.

Sir James Fergusson, Bart.

Mr. A. J. Balfour.

Sir Charles Pearson.

**W**HEREAS by "The Marriage Act, 1890," and "The Foreign Marriage Act, 1891," the Consular Marriage Acts are amended, and as amended are made applicable to marriages in the houses of British Ambassadors or Ministers residing within the country to the government of which they are accredited, or before Governors, High Commissioners, Residents, Commanders of Ships, or Consular or other officers authorized in that behalf without or within Her Majesty's dominions, and by the same Acts Her Majesty the Queen is authorized by Order in Council to make regulations for the purposes therein specified;

And whereas by "The Consular Salaries and Fees Act, 1891," Her Majesty the Queen is authorized by Order in Council to fix the fees to be taken in respect of any matter or thing done by a Consular Officer in the execution of his office.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred by the said Acts or otherwise enabling Her in this behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1. The Foreign Marriages Order in Council, 1890, is hereby repealed, subject to any exceptions and qualifications in this Order mentioned.

*Embassy Marriages.*

2. The person before and by whom a marriage under the Foreign Marriage Acts may be solemnized and registered in an embassy house in a foreign country shall either be the Ambassador, or the officer for the time being performing the duties of the Ambassador, or be any of the Secretaries attached to the embassy from time to time appointed for the purpose in writing by the Ambassador, or by the officer performing his duties, and for the purpose of marriages solemnized in such embassy house the Foreign Marriage Acts shall be construed as if such Ambassador, officer performing his duties, or Secretary, although

holding no written authority from a Secretary of State under section nineteen of the Consular Marriage Act, 1849, were a duly authorized Consul within the meaning of the said Acts.

3. For the purpose of marriages solemnized in pursuance of section two of "The Marriage Act, 1890," the house in which a British Ambassador resides in the foreign country to the government of which he is accredited, or which is occupied by him in that country for the purposes of his embassy, shall be deemed to be the house of such Ambassador, and is in this Order referred to as the embassy house, and every place within the precincts or curtilage of any such house, and any church or chapel annexed to such house, or for the time being used with the consent of the Government to which the Ambassador is accredited as the chapel thereof, shall be deemed to form part of the embassy house.

4. For the purpose of marriages in an embassy house in a foreign country in pursuance of section two of "The Marriage Act, 1890," expressions in the Consular Marriage Acts shall be construed as follows:

- (a.) Expressions referring to the district of a Consul, or the district of a Consulate, shall be construed to refer to such parts of the foreign country as a Secretary of State may by writing under his hand from time to time direct, or, where there is no such direction, as are within ten miles measured in a straight line on the horizontal plane from the embassy house;
- (b.) The expression "Consulate" shall be construed to refer to the embassy or to the embassy house, as the case requires;
- (c.) The expression "office of the Consulate" shall be construed to refer to such part of the embassy house as the Ambassador may from time to time appoint as being sufficiently accessible to the public, and that part may be referred to as the office of the embassy;
- (d.) The expression "Consular Seal" shall be construed to refer to the official seal of the Ambassador.

*Embassy and Consular Marriages.*

5. Where a marriage can be solemnized at a British Consulate in a foreign country, the leave of the Ambassador shall be obtained before the marriage is solemnized in the embassy house in that country.

6.—(1.) Where a marriage according to the local law of a foreign country is valid by English law,