riage Act, on board one of Her Majesty's vessels may be solemnized by or before a commanding officer of such rank and of such vessel as is for the time being authorized for that purpose by or in pursuance of any Admiralty instructions, and for the purpose of any such marriages a commanding officer so authorized shall, without any written warrant, be a Marriage officer, and, for the purpose of such marriages, expressions in the Foreign Marriage Act shall be construed as follows:—

(a.) Expressions referring to the district of a marriage officer shall be construed to refer to such parts of the foreign station to which the commanding officer is attached as may be specified in that behalf by Admiralty instructions;

(b.) The expression "official house of a marriage officer" shall be construed to refer to the vessel of the said commanding officer;

- (c.) The expression "office," when used with respect to the place where any act or thing shall or may be done, shall be construed to refer to the part of the ship on which public notices are affixed.
- (2.) The commanding officer, before he solemnizes a marriage, shall be satisfied that, at the port or place where the marriage is solemnized, sufficient facilities do not exist for the solemnization of the marriage on land, either in accordance with the local law of the country or in accordance with the Foreign Marriage Act.

(3.) The requirements of the Foreign Marriage Act as to residence and notice shall be modified

as follows, namely, not less than three weeks' notice of the intended marriage must have been given in such public manner, or to such relatives or friends of the parties, as satisfies the commanding officer that as much notice of the intended marriage has been given as would be given if the marriage took place in England, and that the marriage is not clandestine.

11. The forms in the Schedule to this Order, or forms to the like effect, shall be used in all

cases to which they are applicable.

Definitions, &c.

12. In this Order the expression "Ambassador" includes Minister and Chargé d'Affaires, and references to the Embassy or Embassy house shall be construed accordingly.

Other expressions have the same meaning as

in the Foreign Marriage Act.

13. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and from and after that day the Order in Council made on the twenty-fourth November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, with respect to foreign marriages, shall be repealed.

14. This Order may be cited as "The Foreign

Marriages Order in Council, 1892."

And the Right Honourable the Earl of Rosebery and the Most Honourable the Marquis of Ripon, two of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

Herbert M. Suft.

SCHEDULE.

FORMS.

No. 1.—Notice of Marriage.

To the [British Consul-General or Consul] at

I hereby give you notice that a marriage is intended to be had within three calendar months from the date hereof between me and the other party herein named and described (that is to say):—

Name and Surname.			Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Age.		Residence.	Length of Residence.
A. B. C. D.	***	•••	Bachelor Spinster		Of full age Minor	•••		

Witness my hand, this

day of

(Signed) A. B., or C. D.

No. 2 .- Form of Oath.

I, A. B., of , make cath and say as follows:—

1. A marriage is proposed to be solemnized between me and C. D.

2. I believe that there is not any impediment in kindred or alliance, or other lawful hindrance to the above marriage.

3. Both I and C. D. have for three weeks immediately preceding this date had our usual place of abode within the district of [here insert the official title of the marriage officer, and, in the case of a Consul, the place where he is appointed to reside], that is to say, I at , and C. D., at

4. Neither I nor C.D. is under the age of 21 years; [or, as the case may be, I am under the age of 21 years, but I am the widow of

, who died on the day of , 18], [or I am under the age of 21 years, and the consent of G. H., whose consent

is required to my marriage, is given as shown by the writing under his hand now shown to me and marked

NOTE.—Where the requirements of the Foreign Marriage Act as to residence have been dispensed with, the form of paragraph 3 of the oath by A. B. will be as follows:—

I have for three weeks immediately preceding this date had my usual place of abode within the district of [here insert the official title of the marriage officer, and, in the case of a Consul, the place where he is appointed to reside], namely, at

, and to the best of my knowledge and belief C. D. has, within three months immediately preceding this date, namely, for three consecutive weeks from the day of to the day of had his [or her] usual

to the day of , had his [or her] usual place of abode at , and notice of our intended marriage has been given there during those weeks by , as appears by the certificate now shown to me and marked .