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A LAW TO CONFER ON THE SUPREME COURT TEMPORARY
JURISDICTION IN CERTAIN MATRIMONIAL CAUSES.

1949 Cap. 31.

[17th May, 1945].

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the War Marriages (Matrimonial Causes) Law.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law—

“the appointed day” means such day as the Governor may by Order in Council appoint ;

“marriage” includes a purported marriage which was void *ab initio*, and “husband” and “wife” shall be construed accordingly.

Extension of jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to certain marriages irrespective of domicile.
1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6. c.57.

3. (1) In the case of marriages to which this section applies—

(a) the Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction in and in relation to proceedings for divorce or for nullity of marriage as if both parties were at all material times domiciled in the Colony ;

(b) section 1 of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1937 (which restricts the presentation of petitions for divorce during the first three years after marriage) shall not apply :

Provided that this subsection shall not apply in relation to any proceedings for divorce or for nullity of marriage unless those proceedings were commenced not later than five years after the appointed day.

(2) The marriages to which this section applies are marriages celebrated on or after the third day of September,

1939, but before the appointed day, where the husband was, at the time of the marriage, domiciled outside the Colony, and the wife was, immediately before the marriage, domiciled in the Colony :

Provided that this section shall not apply to any marriage if, since the celebration thereof, the parties thereto have at any time resided together in the country in which the husband was domiciled at the time of the residence, and for the purposes of this proviso the whole of the United States of America, the whole of India and the whole of any British possession outside India shall each be treated as one country. ^{2 of 14/45.}

(3) This section shall not extend or alter the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in, or in relation to, any proceedings for divorce or for nullity of marriage where, at the commencement of those proceedings, the parties are domiciled anywhere in the Colony.

