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LEGAL
(Miscellaneous)
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No. 43/44

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H. M. Consul, Punta Arenas

SUBJECT.

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30th December.

Previous Paper.

MR. C. V. WOODFORDE-BOOTH, H.B.M. CONSUL, PUNTA
ARENAS, ENQUIRES REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF MARRIAGE
IN FALKLAND ISLANDS BY PROXY.

MINUTES.

1. Letter from Mr. C. V. Woodforde-Booth of 30. 12. 43.

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L.A.

Reg. Gen.

I should be glad of your advice on this.

RB
26.3.44

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H.C.S.,

There is no such thing in English marriage law as marriage by proxy so, if the applicant cannot come here personally, the question does not arise.

2. If however

(i) he can come and

(ii) His Excellency permits an alien woman to land in the Colony for the purpose of defeating the laws of her own and a friendly country

there should be no difficulty.

3. I do not think the Registrar is entitled to ask for proofs of the divorce. If the applicant personally (either party may do so) makes and signs the notice of marriage and if the facts in the notice are not true he merely lays himself open to a charge of perjury and (after the marriage) of bigamy.

4. There appears to be no residential qualifications beyond the implied three weeks during which the notice of marriage must be posted before the marriage can take place and this can be obviated by a special licence if His Excellency sees fit.

See s 2 (5) of Ordinance

Subsequent Paper.

RB

L.A.

28.3.44.

Reg. Gen.

To you pl.

28-3-44.

H.C.S.

The point has been completely covered by me

RB

L.A. L.A.'s minute. RB

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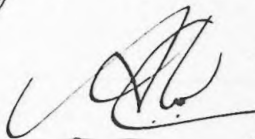
It is probable that W. Booth could get the necessary leave if he were pushed to it, though perhaps not until after the war. Even if he came here with his fiancée the position would be rather difficult - certainly, her passport would have to be viséd by someone older than him! I think we need only reply that marriage by proxy is impossible.

W.B.

29. 3. 44

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This is too ridiculous. A Consul ought to know British law. I should reply regretting such a marriage could not take place & give no reason.

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Letter to E. V. Woodforde-Booth, Esq., of 29. 3. 44

" " H. B. M. Consul, Montevideo

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British Consulate,
Punta Arenas, Chile.

December 30th, 1943.

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Sir,

I have the honour to request that, if possible, you will forward me the following information.

I desire to remarry, and having been divorced, this prevents me doing so, either in Chile or the Argentine. I would like to know, if it is possible for me to do so, in the Falkland Islands. The following particulars are being stated, in order to make my case clear.

Self:- Charles.Vincent. Woodforde-Booth, Born Limerick, Ireland, Nov.5th, 1893.
Father:- Alfred. Booth, Deceased. (Army.)
Mother:- Rose. Booth, née Woodforde. Deceased.

I adopted the name of Woodforde-Booth, by Deed Poll in 1920. However, I was married in the name of "Booth" in Paris, on Aug. 17th, 1939; and the divorce was carried out, in that name, in Casablanca, North Africa. I have no documents relating to this marriage and it is impossible to obtain any, at present. My ex-wife came to Punta Arenas in October, 1939 and left in January, 1940; for Casablanca, North Africa. Since then, I have not seen her and I understand that she has remarried. I was informed that the "Final Decree" was granted in June, 1942 and a copy is in the post for me, but so far, it has not been received. Our Consul, in Casablanca; has cabled saying that; Maître. Marzac, the lawyer, who represented me there, states I am free to remarry.

Fiancée:- Adelaide. Ramos, Spinster. Born December 27th, 1912, Santiago.
Father:- Filodomo. Ramos, Merchant. Address:-
Diego Velasquez, 2077,
Providencia, Santiago, Chile.
Mother:- Elizabeth. Ramos, née Jarvis.

If I have a copy of the "Final Decree" legalised, by our Consul, in Casablanca; would it be possible for me remarry, in the Falkland Islands; please? Further, as I shall not be able to obtain further leave, could I be married there, by proxy, Miss. Ramos going to the Islands alone? If this is possible, how long would Miss. Ramos have to live in the Islands, before the marriage could take place? My fiancée is Chilean, was educated in the United States and is well known among the British community, in Santiago.

I am sending this under cover, by airmail, to our Consul, in Monte Video, requesting him to forward the letter to you. I should be extremely grateful if, when you reply, you would forward the letter, via our Consul in Monte Video, asking him to send it on to me by airmail.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

C. V. Woodforde-Booth

H.B.M.'s Consul.

H.B.M.'s Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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29th March,

44.

Sir,

Recd.

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 30th December and regret to have to inform you that such a marriage could not take place in this Colony.

2. I am sending this letter through the Consulate at Montevideo.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

C. V. Woodford-Booth, Esq.,
H. B. M. Consul,
British Consulate,
Punta Arenas, CHILE.

43/44.

29th March,

44.

Sir,

I should be extremely grateful if you would be so good as to forward the enclosed letter by airmail to C. V. Woodford-Booth, Esq., in Santa Fe.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

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H. B. M. Consul,
British Consulate,
Montevideo,
URUGUAY.