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# MARRIAGE ACT (CAP. 115)

## Marriage (Appointment of Principal Registrar, Registrars, etc.) Notice 1971

Commencement : 11th August 1971

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Marriage Act, section 147 of the Constitution of the Federation and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Public Service Commission of the Federation hereby makes the following appointments :

### 1. For the purpose of the Marriage Act—

(a) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, is hereby appointed the Principal Registrar of Marriages,

(b) The Senior Assistant Secretary on the staff of the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, is hereby appointed the Registrar of Marriages for the marriage district of Lagos, and

(c) The Executive Officer in charge of the Marriage Registry, on the staff of the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, is hereby appointed the Deputy Registrar of Marriages for the marriage district of Lagos.

Appointment  
of Principal  
Registrar of  
Marriages,  
etc.  
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### 2. For the purposes of the Marriage Act—

(a) the officers mentioned in the second column of Schedule 1 hereto are hereby severally appointed registrars of marriages for the marriage districts mentioned in the first column, and

(b) the officers mentioned in the third column of the said Schedule 1 (or, where no officers are specified, the officers next in rank to the officer mentioned in the second column) are hereby severally appointed deputy registrars of marriages for the marriage districts mentioned in the first column to act in the absence or during the illness or incapacity of the registrar of marriages.

Appointment  
of registrars  
of marriages  
and their  
deputies.

3.—(1) This notice may be cited as the Marriage (Appointment of Principal Registrar, Registrars, etc.) Notice 1971 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 11th August 1971.

Citation,  
commence-  
ment and  
cancellation.

(2) The enactments mentioned in Schedule 2 hereto are hereby cancelled.

## SCHEDULE 1

### REGISTRARS AND DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF MARRIAGES

<i>Marriage Districts</i>	<i>Registrars of Marriages</i>	<i>Deputy Registrars of Marriages</i>
<b>LAGOS STATE</b>		
Ikeja	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Badagry	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Epe	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
<b>WESTERN STATE</b>		
Egba	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Egbado	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Akoko	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Akure	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer

SCHEDULE 1—*continued*REGISTRARS AND DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF MARRIAGES—*continued*

<i>Marriage Districts</i>	<i>Registrars of Marriages</i>	<i>Deputy Registrars of Marriages</i>
<b>WESTERN STATE—<i>continued</i></b>		
Ekiti Central	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ekiti North	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ekiti South	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ekiti West	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ijebu	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ijebu Remo	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ibadan City Area	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ibadan Division	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ibarapa	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ife	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ijesha North	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ijesha South	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Okitipupa	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ondo	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Oshun Central	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Oshun North-East	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Oshun North-West	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Oshun South	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Owo Division	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Oyo North	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Oyo South	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
<b>MID-WESTERN STATE</b>		
Benin West Division and Benin City Urban	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Benin East	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Ishan Division	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Etsako	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Owan	The Divisional Officer	
Akoko Edo	The Divisional Officer	
Aboh	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Asaba	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Ika	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Urhobo and Sapele Urban	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Isoke	The Divisional Officer	
Warri	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Western Ijaw	Senior/Divisional Officer	
<b>EAST-CENTRAL STATE</b>		
Aba Urban	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Ngwa	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Ukwa	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Ishielu	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	

SCHEDULE 1—*continued*REGISTRARS AND DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF MARRIAGES—*continued*

<i>Marriage Districts</i>	<i>Registrars of Marriages</i>	<i>Deputy Registrars of Marriages</i>
<b>EAST-CENTRAL STATE—<i>continued</i></b>		
Afikpo	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Njikoka	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Aguata	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Isiuzo	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Igbo-Eze	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Nkanu	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Okigwi	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Etiti	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Mbano	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Onitsha Urban	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Anambra	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Idemili	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Nnewi	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Ihiala	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Nsukka Urban	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Nkwerre	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Mgbidi	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Owerri Urban	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Mbaise	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Mbaitoli/Ikeduru	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Oguta	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Umuahia Urban	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Arochukwu	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Bende	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Ohafia	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	

SCHEDULE 1—*continued*REGISTRARS AND DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF MARRIAGES—*continued*

<i>Marriage Districts</i>	<i>Registrars of Marriages</i>	<i>Deputy Registrars of Marriages</i>
<b>EAST-CENTRAL STATE—<i>continued</i></b>		
Enugu Capital Territory	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Abakaliki Urban	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Awgu	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Udi	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Ezzikwo	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
<b>RIVERS STATE</b>		
Ahoada	The Divisional Officer	
Brass	The Divisional Officer	
Degema	The Divisional Officer	
Ogoni	The Divisional Officer	
Port Harcourt	Senior Assistant Secretary Ministry of Local Government and Information	
<b>SOUTH-EASTERN STATE</b>		
Abak	Administrative Officer i/c	Assistant Divisional Officer
Calabar	Administrative Officer i/c	Assistant Divisional Officer
Calabar Capital Territory	Administrative Officer i/c	Development Officer
Eket	Administrative Officer i/c	Assistant Divisional Officer
Enyong	Administrative Officer i/c	Assistant Divisional Officer
Ikom	Administrative Officer i/c	Assistant Divisional Officer
Ikot Ekpene	Administrative Officer i/c	Assistant Divisional Officer
Obudu	Administrative Officer i/c	Assistant Divisional Officer
Obubra	Administrative Officer i/c	Assistant Divisional Officer
Ogoja	Administrative Officer i/c	Assistant Divisional Officer
Opobo	Administrative Officer i/c	Assistant Divisional Officer
Uyo	Administrative Officer i/c	Assistant Divisional Officer
<b>KANO STATE</b>		
Kano	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	
Hadejia	The Administrative Officer	
Gumel	The Administrative Officer	
Kazaure	The Administrative Officer	
Kano Metropolitan Area	The Administrative Officer	
Kano North-Central	The Administrative Officer	
Kano South-West	The Administrative Officer	
Kano South-East	The Administrative Officer	
Kano West	The Administrative Officer	

SCHEDULE 1—*continued*REGISTRARS AND DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF MARRIAGES—*continued*

<i>Marriage Districts</i>	<i>Registrars of Marriages</i>	<i>Deputy Registrars of Marriages</i>
<b>NORTH-CENTRAL STATE</b>		
Capital Territory of Kaduna	The Administrator of Kaduna	Assistant Administrator No. 1
Zaria Division	The Provincial Secretary	The District Officer
Katsina Province	The Provincial Secretary	The District Officer
Jema'a	The Divisional Officer	The Officer performing the duties of the Divisional Officer-in-Charge of Jema'a Division.
<b>NORTH-WESTERN STATE</b>		
Sokoto	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer (Head-quarters)
Argungu	The Divisional Officer	The Assistant Divisional Officer
Gwandu	The Divisional Officer	The Assistant Divisional Officer
Minna	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer
Bida	The Divisional Officer	The Assistant Divisional Officer
Kontagora	The Divisional Officer	The Assistant Divisional Officer
<b>NORTH-EASTERN STATE</b>		
Adamawa	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer—Numan The Divisional Officer—Jalingo
Bauchi	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer—Azare The Divisional Officer—Gombe
Bornu	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer—Nguru The Divisional Officer—Biu The Divisional Officer—Bama The Divisional Officer—Potiskum
Sardauna	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer—Ganye The Divisional Officer—Gembu
<b>KWARA STATE</b>		
Ilorin	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer—Ilorin The Divisional Officer—Borgu The Divisional Officer—Lafiagi/Pategi The Local Authority—Bacita The Local Authority—New Bussa
Kabba	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer—Kabba The Divisional Officer—Igala The Divisional Officer—Igbirra

SCHEDULE 1—*continued*REGISTRARS AND DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF MARRIAGES—*continued*

<i>Marriage Districts</i>	<i>Registrars of Marriages</i>	<i>Deputy Registrars of Marriages</i>
BENUE-PLATEAU STATE		
Jos	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Pankshin	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Lowland	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Akwanga	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Nasarawa	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Lafia	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Tiv	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Idoma	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Wukari	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk

## SCHEDULE 2

## ENACTMENTS CANCELLED

<i>Title</i>	<i>Citation</i>
1. Appointments and Directions under sections 4 and 5 of the Marriage Act	Vol. VIII pages 535 et seq. Laws of Nigeria 1948.
2. Marriage (Appointment of Registrar) (Ibadan Division) Notice 1961.	L.N. 16 of 1961.
3. Marriage (Appointment of Principal Registrar, Registrar, etc.) Notice 1961.	L.N. 18 of 1961.

DATED at Lagos this 22nd day of September 1971.

SULE KATAGUM  
*Chairman*

S. L. A. MANUWA  
*Member*

YUSUF JEGA  
*Member*

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of the above Notice but is intended to explain its purpose)*

The Notice appoints the Principal Registrar of Marriage, Marriage Registrars and Deputy Registrars of Marriages for the purposes of the Marriage Act.

L.N. 73 of 1971

# MARRIAGE ACT (CAP. 115)

## Marriage (Designation of Districts) Order 1971

*Commencement : 11th August 1971*

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Marriage Act and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, the Head of the Federal Military Government, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, hereby makes the following Order :—

1. For the purposes of the Marriage Act Nigeria is hereby divided into the marriage districts specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

Division of  
Nigeria into  
marriage  
districts.  
Cap. 115.

2.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Marriage (Designation of Districts) Order 1971 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 11th August 1971.

Citation,  
Commence-  
ment and  
revocation.

(2) The Orders set out in Schedule 2 to this Order are hereby revoked.

## SCHEDULE 1

### MARRIAGE DISTRICTS

#### LAGOS STATE

Lagos  
Ikeja  
Badagry  
Epe

#### WESTERN STATE—*continued*

Oshun South  
Owo Division  
Oyo North  
Oyo South

#### WESTERN STATE

Egba  
Egbado  
Akoko  
Akure  
Ekiti Central  
Ekiti North  
Ekiti South  
Ekiti West  
Ijebu  
Ijebu Remo  
Ibadan City Area  
Ibadan Division  
Ibarapa  
Ife  
Ijesha North  
Ijesha South  
Okiti pupa  
Ondo  
Oshun Central  
Oshun North-East  
Oshun North-West

#### MID-WESTERN STATE

Benin West Division and  
Benin City Urban  
Benin East  
Ishan Division  
Etsako  
Owan  
Akoko-Edo  
Aboh  
Asaba  
Ika  
Urhobo and Sapele Urban  
Isoko  
Warri  
Western Ijaw

#### EAST-CENTRAL STATE

Aba Urban  
Ngwa  
Ukwa  
Ishieli  
Afikpo

SCHEDULE 1—*continued*MARRIAGE DISTRICTS—*continued*EAST-CENTRAL STATE—*continued*

Njikoka  
 Aguata  
 Isiuza  
 Nkanu  
 Okigwi  
 Etiti  
 Mbano  
 Onitsha Urban  
 Anambra  
 Idemili  
 Nnewi  
 Ihiala  
 Nsukka Urban  
 Nkwere  
 Mgbidi  
 Owerri Urban  
 Mbaise  
 Mbaitoli/Ikeduru  
 Oguta  
 Umuahia Urban  
 Arochukwu  
 Bende  
 Ohafia  
 Enugu Capital Territory  
 Abakaliki Urban  
 Awgu  
 Udi  
 Ezzikwo

## RIVERS STATE

Ahoada  
 Brass  
 Degema  
 Ogoni  
 Port Harcourt

## SOUTH-EASTERN STATE

Abak  
 Calabar  
 Igbo-Eze  
 Calabar Capital Territory  
 Eket  
 Enyong  
 Ikom  
 Ikot Ekpene  
 Obudu  
 Obubra  
 Ogoja  
 Opobo  
 Uyo

## KANO STATE

Kano  
 Hadejia  
 Gumel  
 Kazaure  
 Kano Metropolitan Area  
 Kano North-Central  
 Kano South-West  
 Kano South-East  
 Kano West

## NORTH-CENTRAL STATE

Capital Territory of Kaduna  
 Zaria Division  
 Katsina  
 Jema'a

## NORTH-WESTERN STATE

Sokoto  
 Argungu  
 Gwandu  
 Minna  
 Bida  
 Kontagora

## NORTH-EASTERN STATE

Adamawa  
 Bauchi  
 Bornu  
 Sardauna

## KWARA STATE

Ilorin  
 Kabba

## BENUE-PLATEAU STATE

Jos  
 Pankshin  
 Lowland  
 Akwanga  
 Nasarawa  
 Lafia  
 Tiv  
 Idoma  
 Wukari



## SCHEDULE 2

## ORDERS REVOKED

*Title**Citation*

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| 1. Orders Under section 3 of the Marriage Act.             | Vol. VIII Page 534, Laws of Nigeria 1948.                                  |
| 2. Marriage (Appointment of District of Lagos) Order 1957. | L.N. 41 of 1957—Vol. IX page 1392. Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 1958. |

DATED at Lagos this 26th day of August 1971.

A. A. ATTA,  
*Secretary to the  
 Federal Military Government*

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of the above Order but is intended to explain its purpose)*

The Order divides the whole country into marriage districts for the purposes of the Marriage Act.

L.N. 74 of 1971

# MARRIAGE ACT

## (CAP. 115)

### Marriage (Location of Marriage Offices) Directions 1971

*Commencement : 11th August 1971*

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Marriage Act and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, the Federal Commissioner for Internal Affairs hereby give the following directions :—

Marriage  
Offices.

1. The marriage office in respect of each marriage district mentioned in the first column of the Schedule hereto shall be the office specified in relation thereto in the second column of the said Schedule.

Citation,  
commence-  
ment and  
extent.

2.—(1) This instrument may be cited as the Marriage (Location of Marriage Offices) Directions 1971 and shall apply throughout the Federation.

(2) This instrument shall be deemed to have come into force on 11th August 1971.

### SCHEDULE

#### MARRIAGE OFFICES

<i>Marriage District</i>						<i>Marriage Office</i>
<b>LAGOS STATE</b>						
Lagos	..	..	..	..	..	Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, Alagbon Close, Ikoyi
Ikeja	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office, Ikeja
Badagry	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office, Badagry
Epe	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office, Epe
<b>WESTERN STATE</b>						
Egba	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Egbado	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Akoko	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Akure	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ekiti Central	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ekiti North	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ekiti South	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ekiti West	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ijebu Remo	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ibadan City Area	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ibadan Division	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ibarapa	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ife	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ijebu	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ijesha North	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ijesha South	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Okitipupa	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ondo	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Oshun Central	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Oshun North-East	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Oshun North-West	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Owo Division	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Oyo Division	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Oyo North	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Oyo South	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office



SCHEDULE—continued  
MARRIAGE OFFICES—continued

<i>Marriage District</i>						<i>Marriage Office</i>
<b>RIVERS STATE</b>						
Ahoada .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Brass .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Degema .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ogoni .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Port Harcourt .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Ministry of Local Govern- ment and Information
<b>SOUTH-EASTERN STATE</b>						
Abak .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Calabar Capital Territory .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Eket .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ikom .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Enyong .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ikot Ekpene .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Obudu .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Obubra .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Ogoja .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Opobo .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Uyo.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
<b>KANO STATE</b>						
Kano .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Ministry of Home Affairs
Hadejia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Gumel .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Kazaure .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Kano Metropolitan Area .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Kano North-Central .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Kano South-West .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Kano South-East .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Kano West.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
<b>NORTH-CENTRAL STATE</b>						
Capital Territory of Kaduna .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Office of Administrator No. 1
Zaria Division .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Provincial Office
Katsina .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Provincial Office
Jema'a .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Provincial Office
<b>NORTH-EASTERN STATE</b>						
Adamawa .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Provincial Office, Adamawa Divisional Office, Numan Divisional Office, Jalingo
Bauchi .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Provincial Office, Bauchi Divisional Office, Azare Divisional Office, Gombe
Bornu .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Provincial Office, Bornu Divisional Office, Nguru Divisional Office, Biu Divisional Office, Bama Divisional Office, Potiskum
Sardauna .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	Provincial Office, Sardauna Divisional Office, Ganye Divisional Office, Gembu

SCHEDULE—*continued*  
MARRIAGE OFFICES—*continued*

<i>Marriage District</i>						<i>Marriage Office</i>
<b>KWARA STATE</b>						
Ilorin	..	..	..	..	..	Provincial Office, Ilorin Divisional Office, Ilorin Divisional Office, Borgu Divisional Office, Lafajaji/ Pategi Local Authority Office, Bacita Local Authority Office, New Busa
Kabba	..	..	..	..	..	Provincial Office, Kabba Divisional Office, Kabba Divisional Office, Igala Divisional Office, Igbirra
<b>NORTH-WESTERN STATE</b>						
Sokoto	..	..	..	..	..	Provincial Office
Argungu	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Gwandu	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Minna	..	..	..	..	..	Provincial Office
Bida	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Kontagora	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
<b>BENUE-PLATEAU STATE</b>						
Jos	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Pankshin	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Lowland	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Akwanga	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Nasarawa	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Lafia	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Tiv	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Idoma	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office
Wukari	..	..	..	..	..	Divisional Office

DATED at Lagos this 6th day of September 1971.

KAM SELEM,  
*Federal Commissioner for  
Internal Affairs*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of the above instrument but is  
intended to explain its purpose)*

The instrument appoints marriage offices for the purpose of marriages under the Marriage Act.