STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 1746 (L.24)

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES

COUNTY COURTS

The Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1972

Made - - - 13*th November* 1972
Coming into Operation 1*st January* 1973

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 1(1) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967(**a**) and section 2 of the County Courts Act 1959(**b**), hereby makes the following Order: —

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1973.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Divorce County Courts Order 1971(**d**), which designates certain courts as divorce county courts and courts of trial for undefended matrimonial causes, shall have effect subject to the provisions of this Order, and a reference in any of the following paragraphs to a Schedule by number means the Schedule so numbered in that Order.

3.—(1) The Blackwood, Tredegar and Abertillery County Court shall be a divorce county court and a court of trial for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967, and accordingly the following entry shall be inserted in Schedule 1 immediately below the reference to Blackpool:—

"Blackwood, Tredegar and Abertillery (T)".

(2) The jurisdiction conferred by the preceding provisions of this paragraph shall be exercised only at Blackwood and accordingly the following entry shall be inserted in Schedule 2 immediately below the reference to Barrow in Furness and Ulverston:—

Column 1	*Column* 2
"Blackwood, Tredegar and Abertillery	Blackwood".

4. The Birkenhead, Crewe, Hastings, Stafford and Yeovil County Courts shall be courts of trial for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967, and accordingly those courts shall be marked "(T)" in Schedule 1.

Dated 13th November 1972.

Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.

(**a**) 1967 c. 56.
(**b**) 1959 c. 22.
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.
(**d**) S.I. 1971/1954 (1971 III, p. 5271).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order amends the Divorce County Courts Order 1971 by designatin the Blackwood, Tredegar and Abertillery County Court as a divorce county court and by adding that court, and the Birkenhead, Crewe, Hastings, Stafford and Yeovil County Courts, to the list of those at which undefended matrimonial causes may be tried.

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