1968 No. 314 (L.6)

COUNTY COURTS

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES

The Divorce County Courts Order 1968

Made - - - *4th March* 1968

Coming into Operation *11th April* 1968

I, Gerald, Baron Gardiner, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 1(1) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967(a), and section 2 of the County Courts Act 1959(b), do hereby make the following Order :—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Divorce County Courts Order 1968, and shall come into operation on 11th April 1968.

(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 county courts mentioned in Schedule 1 are hereby designated as divorce county courts, and those marked "T" shall be courts of trial for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967.

3. In the case of the county courts mentioned in the first column of Schedule 2 (being courts held at more than one place) the jurisdiction conferred by virtue of paragraph 2 of this Order shall be exercised only at the places mentioned in the second column of that Schedule opposite the names of those courts.

Gardiner, C.

Dated 4th March 1968.

SCHEDULE 1

DIVORCE COUNTY COURTS AND COURTS OF TRIAL

Aberystwyth (T)
Barnsley (T)
Barnstaple
Barrow in Furness and Ulverston (T)
Bath (T)
Bedford (T)
Birkenhead
Birmingham (T)
Blackburn (T)
Blackpool (T)
Bodmin (T)
Bolton (T)
Boston
Bournemouth (T)
Bradford (T)
Bridgend (T)
Brighton (T)
Bristol (T)
Bromley (T)
Burnley (T)
Bury
Caernarvon (T)
Cambridge (T)
Canterbury (T)

(a) 1967 c. 56. (b) 1959 c. 22. (c) 1889 c. 63.

SCHEDULE 1—*Contd.*

DIVORCE COUNTY COURTS AND COURTS OF TRIAL—*Contd.*

Cardiff (T)
Carlisle and Wigton (T)
Carmarthen (T)
Chester (T)
Chesterfield
Coventry (T)
Crewe
Croydon (T)
Darlington
Derby (T)
Dewsbury
Doncaster (T)
Dudley
Durham (T)
Edmonton (T)
Exeter (T)
Gloucester (T)
Great Grimsby
Guildford
Halifax
Harrogate
Hastings
Hereford (T)
Huddersfield
Ilford (T)
Ipswich (T)
Kendal
Kingston upon Hull (T)
Kingston upon Thames (T)
Lancaster
Leeds (T)
Leicester (T)
Lincoln and Horncastle (T)
Liverpool (T)
Luton (T)
Maidstone (T)
Manchester (T)
Merthyr Tydfil
Newcastle upon Tyne (T)
Newport (Mon.) (T)
Newport and Ryde (T)
Northampton (T)
Norwich (T)
Nottingham (T)
Oldham (T)
Oxford (T)
Peterborough and Oundle (T)
Plymouth (T)
Pontypridd and Ystradyfodwg (T)
Portsmouth (T)
Preston (T)
Reading (T)
Rhyl (T)
Rochdale
Rochester (T)
Saint Helens and Widnes
Scarborough
Scunthorpe
Sheffield (T)
Shrewsbury (T)
Slough (T)
Southampton (T)
Southend (T)
Southport
Stafford
Stockport (T)
Stockton on Tees (T)
Stoke on Trent (T)
Sunderland (T)
Swansea (T)
Swindon (T)
Taunton (T)
Torquay (T)
Truro and Falmouth (T)
Tunbridge Wells (T)
Wakefield
Walsall
Warrington (T)
Watford (T)
Wigan
Winchester (T)
Wolverhampton (T)
Worcester (T)
Worthing (T)
Wrexham
Yeovil
York (T)

SCHEDULE 2

COURTS HELD AT MORE THAN ONE PLACE

Column 1	Column 2
Barrow in Furness and Ulverston	Barrow in Furness
Carlisle and Wigton	Carlisle
Lincoln and Horncastle	Lincoln
Peterborough and Oundle	Peterborough
Pontypridd and Ystradyfodwg	Pontypridd
Saint Helens and Widnes	Saint Helens
Truro and Falmouth	Truro

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order designates the divorce county courts in which matrimonial causes may be commenced in pursuance of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967. These comprise the courts at all the places where there are now district registries of the High Court with divorce jurisdiction, together with Aberystwyth, Bodmin and Hereford and seven courts on the perimeter of London viz. Bromley, Croydon, Edmonton, Ilford, Kingston upon Thames, Slough and Watford. The courts marked "T" in Schedule 1 are those at which undefended matrimonial causes may be tried. The courts mentioned in Schedule 2 are held at more than one place and jurisdiction under the Act will be exercisable only at the places mentioned in column 2 of that Schedule.