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In the High Court of Justice.

PROBATE, DIVORCE, AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION.

(DIVORCE).

W.D.

Cates
Frances
Elizabeth

Cates.
Hubert
Henry

COURT MINUTES.

Petition Filed 16 Dec. 1891

Decree Nisi

Final Decree

CLOSED
UNTIL
1993

Gates
Frances Elizabeth

Gates
Hubert Henry

D) Nordon

1891
Dec. 16th

M. Nordon of 23
Wormwood Street Q.C. filed
Petition for Dissolution and
Affidavit & issued Citation

" 21st

Nordon filed Petition for
Alimony pendente lite.

[Alimony pending Suit.]

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(DIVORCE.)

Cates against Cates

UPON HEARING the Solr for the Pet'r & reading
the Petition for Alimony pendente lite & the
Affidavits of H. Parkerison & Petitioner sworn
respectively the 20th Feb. 1892 & 8th March. 1892
I DO ORDER that Hubert Henry Cates

the Respondent do
pay or cause to be paid to Frances Elizabeth Cates
the Petitioner

Alimony pending Suit at and after the rate of £38 - 0 - 0

per annum to commence from the date of the service of the Citation issued in this Cause,

to wit the day of March, and to be payable monthly

Dated the 9th day of March. 1892

Charles P. Butt

1892

March 10th

Nordon filed affidavit
of service of Alimony Petition &
affidavit in support of same

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In the High Court of Justice
Probate Divorce and
Admiralty Division
(Divorce)

Cates
v
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Affidavit
in
support of Petition for
Dissolution of Marriage.

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M Norden
Solicitor
23 Grosvenor Street
London W.C.
Petitioner's Solicitor

In the High Court of Justice
Probate Divorce and
Admiralty Division
(Divorce)

In the Matter of the
Petition of Frances Elizabeth
Gates for a dissolution of marriage

I Frances Elizabeth
Gates of 2 Marmaduke Street Edge
Hill in the City of Liverpool wife
of Hubert Henry Gates of the said
City Marine Chief Engineer make
oath and say:

1 That I am the petitioner in
the above matter and was on the
28th day of February 1889 lawfully
married to Hubert Henry Gates the
Respondent in this suit at the
Cathedral Church of St Peter's in the
City of Liverpool aforesaid.

2 That after my said marriage I
(your petitioner) lived and cohabited
with my said husband at 96
Newcombe Street Anfield near Liverpool
aforesaid and subsequently at 145
Adelaide Road and at 2 Marmaduke
Street both in Liverpool aforesaid and

- that there has never been any issue
of the said marriage.
3. That the said Hubert Henry Gates
is a man of violent and uncontrollable
temper and in the habit of using
 foul disgusting and filthy language
and oaths, imprecations and threats
of personal violence and that he has
upon divers occasions beaten and
assaulted me and has caused
me great pain and injury both
physical and mental and too
seriously impaired my health.
4. That shortly after the said
marriage, while living in Newcombe
Street aforesaid, namely in or about
the month of June 1889 on one
occasion the said Hubert Henry
Gates to terrify and annoy your
Petitioner after using most foul
and disgusting language took up
a pair of trap fire songs and
with them in his, my presence
(I being alone with him in the
house) smashed several pictures
then hanging on the wall and
threatened to also smash my head
with the said songs in consequence
whereof I ran away and
was unconscious for several hours.
5. That while living in Newcombe
Street aforesaid in order to further
terrify vex and annoy me the said
- Hubert Henry Gates on two occasions
threatened and actually attempted
to commit suicide by swallowing
poison.
6. That on another occasion while living
in Newcombe Street aforesaid namely on
or about the 21st day of March 1890
the said Hubert Henry Gates beat (Me)
and abused me and struck me
two violent blows on the head and
locked me in a portion of the house
and threatened me with other violence
I however escaped from the house
and fearing further violence sought refuge
at the residence of a mutual friend
That subsequently, namely on or about
the 24th day of March 1890 an agreement
of separation was drawn up too
between and signed by me and
the said Hubert Henry Gates whereby
we mutually agreed in the future
to live separate and apart.
7. That in or about the month of
March 1890 and at divers other times
the said Hubert Henry Gates committed
adultery with one Maggie Butler, some-
times called Maggie Baker in a house
of ill fame No 5 Hotham Street in the
said city of Liverpool.
8. That after living apart from the said
Hubert Henry Gates pursuant to the
agreement for separation set forth in
the paragraph hereof I consented to resume

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cohabitation with the said Hubert Henry Cates on his making many promises of amendment and future good behaviour and expressing great contrition for his past conduct but such cohabitation was only resumed on the express condition that (your petitioner) should occupy a separate bedroom from the said Hubert Henry Cates for a period of six months from the date of the resumption of such cohabitation.

- (A) 9. That subsequently ^{while} residing at 2 Marnaudke Street aforesaid namely in or about the month of February 1891 ~~your Petitioner~~ was again assaulted and beaten by the said Hubert Henry Cates who ~~locked your petitioner~~ and himself in my ~~bedroom~~ on which occasion the said Hubert Henry Cates seized ~~your~~ me Petitioner by both wrists and forcing her down bruised her arms very badly causing great discolouration of the flesh and grievous bodily pain and used dire threats of further violence against her and threatened to kill her and ~~your~~ Petitioner in order to escape his violence I was obliged to break several panes of glass in the window in order to attract the attention of the other persons in the house whereby ~~your~~ Petitioner's hands were cut and severely hurt.
- (B) 10. That on another occasion the said Hubert Henry Cates came to ~~your~~ me Petitioner

- while undressed in bed and holding a table knife to ~~my~~ Petitioner's throat — threatening to cut her same and he was with great difficulty prevented from doing so.
11. That on many occasions in public places the said Hubert Henry Cates has publicly insulted ~~my~~ Petitioner by in a loud and angry tone of voice using vile and insulting language towards and telling ~~my~~ Petitioner "to go to Hell" to the great annoyance and vexation of mind of ~~your~~ Petitioner and to the injury of your Petitioner's reputation.
12. That on the 7th day of December 1891 at 2 Marnaudke Street Liverpool aforesaid the said Hubert Henry Cates assaulted and beat ~~me~~ ^{and} ~~your~~ Petitioner and struck ~~your~~ Petitioner on the side of the head causing the blood to flow from your Petitioner's ear and subsequently picked up a heavy iron fire iron rest of the weight of two pounds or thereabouts and threatened to brain ~~me~~ ~~your~~ Petitioner and raising the said weapon attempted to strike ~~your~~ Petitioner therewith but was prevented from doing so by the sister of your Petitioner in consequence whereof ~~your~~ Petitioner placed an information against the said Hubert Henry Cates in the Petty Sessional Court for the said City and on the 9th day of December 1891 the said summons came on for hearing before W. J. Stewart Esquire Subsidary Magistrate for the City of Liverpool at the Police Courts Dale Street.

Liverpool aforesaid when the said Hubert Henry Cates pleaded guilty to an aggravated assault upon your petitioner and an order was made by the Court for judicial separation and the said Hubert Henry Cates was mulcted in a fine for the offence and was bound over in his own recognizances in £20 to keep the peace for the period of 12 months thence next ensuing

13. That since the making of such order for judicial separation as mentioned in the last preceding paragraph hereof the said Hubert Henry Cates has made many threats of violence against your Petitioner who has been obliged to obtain police protection

✓ 14. Your petitioner ^{I am} informed and verily believes that during the years 1889, 1890 and 1891 the said Hubert Henry Cates has committed adultery at Liverpool aforesaid with a woman called Alice ^{home} but whose full name is unknown by your petitioner.

✓ 15. I say that there is no collusion or connivance between me and the said Hubert Henry Cates in any way whatever

SWORN at the City of
Liverpool this 15th day
of December 1891

Frances. E. Lakes.

Before me

Alfred Cornish

A Commissioner to administer Oaths in the
Supreme Court of Judicature in England
Filed on behalf of the Petitioner

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M. Norton,
Solicitor
23 Womwngt^{on} Street,
London E.C.
Retirement Solicitor

In the High Court of Justice
Probate Divorce and Admiralty Division
(Divorce)

The ~~14~~^{15th day of December 1891.}

To The Right Honorable Cause {
the President of the said No. }
Division

The Humble Petition
of Frances Elizabeth Bates of
2 Marmaduke Street Edge Hill in
the City of Liverpool, in the County
of Lancaster Wife of Hubert Henry
Bates of the said City Marine Chief
Engineer.

Sheweth:

1 - That your petitioner then Frances
Elizabeth Murray was on the 28th day of
February 1889 lawfully married to the said
Hubert Henry Bates at the Cathedral Church
of St Peters in the said City.

2 - That after her said marriage your
petitioner lived and co habited with her said
husband at 96 Newcombe Street Anfield
near Liverpool aforesaid and subsequently

at 45 Adelaide Road and at 2 Marmaduke Street both in Liverpool aforesaid and that there has never been any issue of the said marriage

3. That the said Hubert Henry Gates is a man of violent and uncontrollable temper and in the habit of using foul disgusting and filthy language and oaths imprecations and threats of personal violence and that he has upon divers occasions struck and violently beaten and assaulted your petitioner and has caused her great pain and injury both physical and mental and seriously impaired her health

4. That shortly after the said marriage while living in Newcombe Street aforesaid namely in or about the month of June 1889 on one occasion the said said Hubert Henry Gates to terrify and annoy your petitioner after using most foul and disgusting language took up a pair of trap fire songs and with them in the presence of your petitioner (she being alone with him in the house) smashed several pictures then hanging on the wall and threatened to also smash your petitioner's head with the said songs in consequence whereof your petitioner fainted away and was unconscious for several hours.

5. That while living in Newcombe Street aforesaid in order to further terrify me

and annoy your petitioner the said Hubert Henry Gates on two occasions stated threatened and actually attempted to commit suicide by swallowing poison.

6. That on another occasion while living in Newcombe Street aforesaid namely on or about the 21st day of March 1890 the said Hubert Henry Gates beat and abused your petitioner and struck her two violent blows on the head and locked her in a portion of the house and threatened her with other violence your petitioner however escaped from the house and fearing further violence sought refuge at the residence of a mutual friend that subsequently namely on or about the 24th day of March 1890 an Agreement of Separation was drawn up between and signed by your petitioner and the said Hubert Henry Gates whereby they mutually agreed in the future to live separate and apart.

7. That in or about the month of March 1890 and at divers other times the said Hubert Henry Gates committed adultery with one Maggie Butler sometimes called Maggie Baker in a house of ill fame Number 5 ^{Harding} Street in the said city of ~~Liverpool~~.

8. That after living apart from the said Hubert Henry Gates pursuant to the Agreement for Separation set forth in paragraph 6 hereof your petitioner consented to resume

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cohabitation with her, said Hubert Henry Gates on her making many promises of amendment and future good behaviour and expressing great contrition for his past conduct but such cohabitation was only resumed on the express condition that your Petitioner should occupy a separate Bed room from the said Hubert Henry Gates for a period of 6 months from the date of the resumption of such co-habitation.

9. That subsequently while residing at 2 Marmaduke Street aforesaid, namely in or about the month of February 1891 your Petitioner was again assaulted and beaten by the said Hubert Henry Gates who locked your Petitioner and himself in her bedroom on which occasion the said Hubert Henry Gates seized your Petitioner by both wrists and forcing her down bruised her arms very bodily causing great discolouration of the flesh and grievous bodily pain and used dire threats of further violence against her and threatened to kill her and your Petitioner in order to escape his violence, was obliged to break several panes of glass in the window in order to attract the attention of the other persons in the house whereby your Petitioner's hands were cut and severely hurt.

10. That on another occasion the said Hubert Henry Gates came to your Petitioner

while she was undressed in bed and holding a table knife to her throat, and threatened to cut her throat and was with great difficulty prevented from doing so.

11. That on many occasions in public places the said Hubert Henry Gates has publicly insulted your Petitioner by in a loud and angry tone of voice, using vulgar language epithets towards her and telling her to go to Hell to the great annoyance and vexation of mind of your Petitioner and to the injury of her reputation.

12. That on the 7th day of December 1891 at 2 Marmaduke Street Liverpool aforesaid the said Hubert Henry Gates assaulted and beat your Petitioner and struck her a violent blow on the side of the head causing the blood to flow from her ear and subsequently picked up a heavy iron fire iron rest of the weight of 2 lbs. or thereabouts and threatened to brain your Petitioner and raising the said weapon attempted to strike your Petitioner therewith but was prevented from doing so by the sister of your Petitioner, in consequence whereof your Petitioner had an information against the said Hubert Henry Gates in the Petty Sessional Court for the said City and on the 9th day of December 1891 the said summons came on for hearing before W. J. Stewart Esq^r Stipendiary Magistrate for the City of Liverpool at the Police Courts Fleet Street

Liverpool afreeced when the said Hubert Henry Gates ^{had} pleaded guilty to an aggravated assault upon your petitioner and an order was made by the Court for judicial Separation and the said Hubert Henry Gates was mulcted in a fine for the offence and was bound over in his own recognizance in £20 to keep the peace for the period of 12 months thence next ensuing

13 That since the making of such order for judicial separation as mentioned in the last preceding paragraph herof the said Hubert Henry Gates has made many threats of violence against your petitioner and she has been obliged to place herself under police protection.

14 That during the years 1889, 1890 and 1891, the said Hubert Henry Gates has also committed adultery at Liverpool afreeced with a woman called "Alice" but whose full name is unknown by your petitioner

Yours petitioner therefore humbly
prays your Lordship to decree that
her marriage with the said Hubert
Henry Gates may be dissolved and
that your petitioner may have such
further and other relief in the sum
promised as may seem just

Frances E. Gates.