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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND.

Wellington District.

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Bell Gully & Cooper,
Solicitors,
Palmerston North.

In the Supreme Court of New Zealand)
Wellington District)

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IN THE MATTER of the Petitioner of Isabella
Grace Nation for dissolution of marriage.

Tuesday the 19th day of March 1912.

The Petitioner of Isabella Grace Nation wife of Charles
Cecil Nation of Ohakune Printer sheweth as follows:-

1. The Petitioner was on the 22nd day of April 1902 lawfully married to Charles Cecil Nation of Ohakune Printer at the house of the Petitioner's mother at Wereroa by the Reverend S. H. D. Perryman.
2. After her said marriage the Petitioner lived and cohabited with her husband at Levin and at Ohakune and the Petitioner and her said husband have had no issue of their marriage.
3. Prior to January 1910 the Petitioner's said husband committed adultery with one Gertrude Mary Prouse at Levin.
4. Prior to January 1910 the Petitioner's said husband committed adultery with one Lizzie Walton at Levin.
5. Prior to January 1910 the Petitioner's said husband committed adultery with one Charlotte Adzett at Levin.
6. Prior to January 1910 the Petitioner's said husband committed adultery with one Annie Sturner at Levin.
7. Since the said month of January 1910 and particularly in or about the months of December 1911 and January February and March 1912 your Petitioner's said husband committed adultery with some woman or women whose name or names are unknown to your Petitioner.
8. The Petitioner was born at Whiteman's Valley near Wellington and now resides at Palmerston North in New Zealand.
9. The Petitioner's said husband was born in the

City of Christchurch and now resides at Ohakune in
New Zealand.

9. The Petitioner prays:-

- (a) That the said marriage of the Petitioner
with her said husband be dissolved.
- (b) That the said Charles Cecil Nation be order-
-ed to pay the costs of these proceedings.
- (c) That the Petitioner have such further or
other relief in the premises as may be just

J. Grace Nation

Petitioner.

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AFFIDAVIT verifying Petition.



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IN THE MATTER of the Petition of Isabella
Grace Nation for dissolution of marriage

I, ISABELLA GRACE NATION wife of Charles Cecil Nation
of Ohakune Printer, make oath and say as follows:-

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ace 1. I was on the 22nd day of April 1902 lawfully
married to Charles Cecil Nation then of Levin Printer
at the house of my mother at Wereroa by the Reverend
S. H. D. Perryman.

2. After my said marriage I lived and cohabited
with my said husband at Levin and at Ohakune and we
have had no issue of our marriage.

3. I am informed and believe that prior to Janu-
-ary 1910 my said husband Charles Cecil Nation comm-
-itted adultery with one Gertrude Mary Prouse at
Levin.

4. I am informed and believe that prior to Januar-
-ary 1910 my said husband Charles Cecil Nation commit-
-ted adultery with one Lizzie Walton at Levin.

5. I am informed and believe that prior to Janu-
-ary 1910 my said husband Charles Cecil Nation commit-
-ted adultery with on Charlotte Adzett at Levin.

6. I am informed and believe that prior to Janua-
-ry 1910 my said husband Charles Cecil Nation committ-
-ed adultery with one Annie Sturner at Levin.

7. I am informed and believe that since the said
month of January 1910 and particularly in or about
the months of December 1911 and January February and
March 1912 my said husband Charles Cecil Nation com-
-mitted adultery with some woman or women whose name
or names are unknown to me.

8. I am informed and believe that I was born at

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Whiteman's Valley near Wellington and that my said husband was born in the City of Christchurch. I now reside at Palmerston North in New Zealand. My said husband now resides at Ohakune in New Zealand.

8. No connivance or collusion exists between me and the said Charles Cecil Nation.

SWORN at Palmerston North this)

19th day of March 1912 before)

me:-

Isabella Grace Nation

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A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

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Wahai, Kaha
see D. Sherman
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Mch 10th 1912.

To C. C. Nation

All the charges I lay at
your door I have ample proof to
substantiate. You may never hope
that I will live with you again
nor will it be any use your trying
to find me. You know you are in
danger of arrest any time. You have
willfully deceived me for years until now
I have lost all faith in you and love
for you. You will no doubt hear
from my solicitor at an early date
re my intentions.

I trust you will see
fit to let me have my wedding
presents, organ, overmantel, and clock,
what things I have taken strictly belong
to me. The things may be sent to
my father. I have left you strictly
as you remember, once you remarked
you would shoot me if I left you
to divorce you.

I have tried to be a good wife, so
I cannot reproach myself. I trust
hereafter you will try and live a
better life Mrs. Goodbye, and
give up your sinful way. They have
loved you too much.

Signed. Isabella Grace Watson

Mr B. Nation
Wabai, Wabai
Kee O. Shuman
Apr. 29/12

Chakime
March 14. 1912

To C. C. Nation

No doubt it will be a great
surprise to you to know I have left you.
and the following are the reasons why:-

1. A little over two years ago I forgave you on
a charge of adultery and on that
occasion you promised me absolute fidelity
from that time forth. to my certain knowledge
I know you have been seeking to be
unfaithful again, and if you have not
committed adultery, it is not your fault.
I can produce evidence to prove this charge.

2. When you admitted you had been
unfaithful to me, you said it had only
taken place with one woman. Now I
have evidence to prove that you have
boasted to others, about others you have
committed adultery with, and I believe
on one occasion, during my absence from
home, you actually slept with a woman

in my house, I have reason to believe that two other women were your victims

3. It has been known to me for some time that you have a weakness for stealing there is at the present time, an overcoat hanging in the bedroom wardrobe which belongs to Mr Turner of Okatime which you stole. You set up the lost advertisement in the local paper well knowing, were the missing article was, all the time. I have heard of other petty thefts, which you have committed, from the shops in the town.

4. You have at various times misrepresented me to other people, saying how you had to keep me in my place, and keep whiskey away from me well knowing at the time that these statements were false. You have also misrepresented other people and circumstances to me. I have also found you out in many other lies.

5/ On Thursday February 22nd 1912. You were guilty of trying to watch under the curtains of the dressing room window the operation of massage upon Mary Goldsmith, in a state of nudity. And your excuse to me for not retiring to bed as usual, was that you had severe arthritic pains which I have evidence was untrue.

There is not a shadow of doubt about this charge, as your footprints were plainly visible in the soft earth next morning. There were measures and found to correspond with your boots.

6/ You have on various occasions, boasted about the way you have hoodwinked me all these years. What a fine a time you have had with other women. This you treat as a huge joke.

7/ You have at times tried to solicit my sympathy and pity by feigning illness. But you have also boasted of to others.

8) You have shown unreasonable jealousy
over me, ~~at~~ without having a cause
even to spying on me

Signed. Isabella Grace Nation

no "animosity"
towards you in what
you have done. For I
admit I deserve it all.
My head feels easier
since I have written
to you. +

Dear Grace

Ex-D, Naitai
Naitai, Naitai
Recd. Naitai
Up. 29/5/12

Chakumel, 15/3/12

Excuse me writing these few lines to you
I cannot find rest + peace of mind until I do.
I fail to find words to express my feelings when I
arrived home + found you were gone for ever. It
has been a great shock to me + I am suffering severely
through my past deeds. I will admit that you have
been a very kind hearted, loving, true + good wife true
+ true to your colours, which I admire in you, but
sincerely regret having brought shame + sorrow to
~~our~~ our wedded life to such an abrupt end, "is it
not possible for us both to join once more," I do
not wish to ask your forgiveness, for I know I have
caused you endless suffering, pain + anxiety, + you
have borne it like a "good Christian woman" + I
am sincerely sorry to admit that I have not led as
good a life as was possible, but having a severe
lesson to pass through now, I hope + trust I will
come out a better + truer man than I was pre-
viously. I have a good + true mother + had an excellent
wife, which I did not appreciate to the fullest extent.
From now on, I suppose, I will have to pass through

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life a lonely & heart-broken man. I trust that in the future you will think kindly of me, & send a few thoughts sometimes, which I know you have thought of me since you left. Thursday night I did not sleep a wink, consequently I was in bed all Friday afternoon. I will do as you wish re organ, machine etc., & all things pertaining to wedding gift, they will never be any use to me again, as soon as I feel fit to pack, & get case made for organ, I will send them on. Re the divorce, I will not object to or oppose it in any way, for I have brought this trial on my own shoulders & am prepared to bear it the best I can under the circumstances. After sending your goods etc. away, I will sell the balance, & all I am going to catch in the whare, near office, until we save a bit up, & then perhaps go to Sydney for a change. Well, "girlie", I hope the next gent you wed, who ever ~~the way~~ the "lucky" person may be that he will treat you as generously & thoughtfully as I have tried to do, with the (exception of my faults.) I would esteem it a great favour if you will kindly drop me a line or two for the East time.

From yours

In sorrow

Elias C. Nation

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Grace I ask your clemency in article (3) re coat, (Please don't mention this, for Mark's sake, I have not asked you much to keep back). But this article was not really my fault, Mr Whetton suggested the idea first, & said he would like to take the coat, because "Larner" had served him dirty tricks. It was at his suggestion, not mine. I know he has given you all this information for you could not have got it otherwise, I took him into my confidence too much & treated him as a friend & this is all he appreciates it. to break a man's home up.

Re No 4. It is false, I never misrepresented you to ^{any} other people, re ^{whisky} away from you it is a down right lie. I thought too much of you ~~to~~ to say damaging things like that when it was not true. I have never misrepresented other people to you, referring to S. H. H.

Re No 5 - I was not the only guilty person, Mr H. was just as eager as I was. You need not blame the footprints, because you were informed by a gentleman, whose footprints were there also.

Re No 7 - This is also false.

No 8 - I don't understand re spying on you it is false.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE of

Leslie Pearson



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GEORGE the FIFTH by the Grace of God, of the
United Kingdom of Great Britian and Ireland
King, Defender of the Faith.

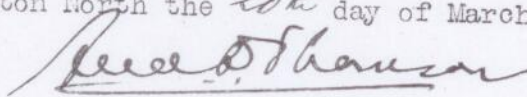
TO/

Charles Cecil Nation of Ohakune Printer.

WHEREAS Isabella Grace Nation claiming to have been
lawfully married to you, has filed her Petition again-
-st you in our said Court praying for a dissolution
of her marriage with you, wherein she alleges that
you have been guilty of adultery with Gertrude Mary,
Prouse, Lizzie Walton, Charlotte Adzett, Annie Sturner

Take notice that unless within twentyeight days
after service hereof on you, exclusive of the day of
such service, you file in our said Court at Palmerston
North an answer to the said Petition, a copy of which
sealed with the seal of our said Court, is served on
you herewith, the said Court will proceed to hear the
said charge proved, and to pronounce sentence therein,
notwithstanding your absence. And, further, take
notice that before filing the said answer you must
enter an appearance in person or by your solicitor at
the registry of the said Court at Palmerston North
aforesaid, and that, if you do not enter such an ...
appearance, you will not be allowed to address the
Court either in person or by Counsel at any stage of
the proceedings.

Sealed at Palmerston North the 20th day of March 1912



Registrar.

This citation was extracted by Harold Riddiford Cooper
solicitor for the Petitioner. The Petitioner's
address for service is at the offices of Messieurs
Bell Gully and Cooper, 19 Rangitikei Street Palmerston
North.



the Supreme Court of New Zealand
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BETWEEN Isabella Grace Nation,
Petitioner,
and
Charles Cecil Nation,
Respondent.

I, *James Allison* of *Chakune*
Bailiff make oath and say as follows:-

1. The citation bearing date the 20th day of March 1912 issued under seal of this Court against the respondent in this cause, and now hereunto annexed marked with the letter "A" was duly served by me on the said Charles Cecil Nation of Ohakune Printer at *Chakune* by showing to him the original under seal and by leaving with him a true copy thereof on the *26th* day of *March* 1912.

2. At the same time and place I delivered to the said Charles Cecil Nation personally a certified copy under seal of this Court of the petition filed in this cause.

3. The said Charles Cecil Nation is personally known to me.

SWORN at *Chakune* this
26th day of *March* 1912
before me:-

James Allison
Bailiff

W. Gould

A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

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BETWEEN ISABELLA GRACE NATION, of Levin,
Married Woman,

PETITIONER

AND CHARLES CECIL NATION, of Ohakune,
Printer.

RESPONDENT.

Wednesday the 29th. day of May, 1912.

THIS CAUSE coming on for trial before The Honorable Mr. Justice Chapman at Palmerston North sitting alone without a Jury AFTER READING the Petition filed herein AND UPON HEARING Mr. Cooper of Counsel for the above-named Petitioner and the evidence then adduced AND the Respondent not having entered an appearance or filed a Statement of Defence or Answer to the said Petition AND it being proved that the Respondent committed adultery as in the said Petition alleged THIS COURT DOTH DECREE AND ORDER that the marriage in fact solemnised between the Petitioner and the Respondent at Werararoa on the 22nd. day of April, 1902 be and the same is hereby dissolved unless sufficient cause to the contrary be shown within a period of three months from the date hereof AND THIS COURT DOTH FURTHER DECREE AND ORDER that the Respondent do pay to the Petitioner the sum of..... Twenty four pounds seven shillings (£24. 7. 0) for her costs of and incidental to these proceedings.

By the Court,

W. A. Shearer

Deputy Registrar.

If either the Petitioner or the Respondent shall contract marriage before this Decree is made Absolute she or he shall be guilty of Bigamy.

W. A. Shearer

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PETITIONER'S COSTS.

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AND CHARLES CECIL NATION, of Ohakune
 Printer.

RESPONDENT.

PETITIONER'S COSTS.

Petitioner's Costs of Trial £15. 0. 0

Disbursements,-

Oath on Affidavit in support of Petition	2. 0	
Filing Petition	3. 0	
Filing Affidavit verifying.....	3. 0	
Sealing Citation of Respondent.....	5. 0	
Sealing certified copy Petition	5. 0	
Filing Affidavit of service	6. 0	
Oath on Affidavit of service	2. 6	
Sealing subpoenae for witnesses	5. 0	
Praecepte to set down	5. 0	
Hearing fee	1. 0. 0	
Sealing decree Nisi	15. 0	
<u>In Anticipation</u>		
Sealing decree Absolute	15. 0	4. 6. 6

Witnesses' Expenses

Walter Windelev	Train fare	7. 6
	2 days @ 10/-	0. 0
	1 night	3. 0

Jack Malcolm	Train fare	7. 6
	2 days	1. 0. 0
	1 night	3. 0

Whetton	Train fare	16. 0
	2 days	1. 4. 0
	1 night	3. 0

Petitioner's Expenses			
	Train fare	7. 6	
	2 days & 1 night	19. 0	5. 0. 6

£24. 7. 0

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Married Woman,

Petitioner.

A n d

CHARLES CECIL NATION, of Ohakune,
Printer,

Respondent.

Tuesday 3rd

~~Monday~~, the ~~2~~nd day of September, 1912.

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UPON the request in writing of the abovenamed Petitioner and there being no matter in opposition to the final Decree herein now pending and the time limited in that behalf by the Decree of This Honorable Court of the 29th day of May, 1912 having now elapsed THIS COURT DOETH DECREE AND ORDER that the said Decree of the 29th. day of May, 1912 dissolving the marriage in fact solemnised... between the Petitioner and the Respondent on the 22nd. day of April, 1902 unless sufficient cause to the contrary be shown within a period of three months from the date thereof be and the same is hereby made absolute.

By the Court,

R. H. H. H.
Deputy Registrar.