

In her Majesty's Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes

To His Honor Archibald Paull Burt Esquire Chief Justice of Western Australia and Judge of the said Court.

The fifth day of May One thousand eight hundred and sixty eight.

I Charlotte Anne Little wife of James Little formerly Charlotte Ann Little Spinster of Guildford in the Colony of Western Australia maketh and say as follows

1. That on the seventh day of March One thousand eight hundred and fifty two I was lawfully married to James Little at the Wesleyan Chapel at Perth in the said Colony
2. That from and after our said marriage I lived and Cohabited with my said husband at Perth aforesaid and at Guildford aforesaid until the sixth day of March instant when I separated from my said husband by reason of his cruelty towards me and that there has been six children issue of the said marriage.
3. That about six years ago my said husband took to drink and was discharged from his employment under the Government in Guildford in November One thousand eight hundred and sixty three and since that time has habitually conducted himself towards me with great harshness and cruelty frequently abusing me in the coarsest and most insulting language and beating me with fists and I have had to support myself and children solely by my own industry.
4. That on an evening in the month of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty six the said James Little struck me on the shoulder and spit in my face.
5. That one day in the month of September One thousand eight hundred and sixty seven the said James little chased me out of the house threatening to strike me with an axe.
6. That one day in the month of January last the said James Little after abusing me spit in my face several times.
7. That on a Thursday afternoon in the month of February One thousand eight hundred and sixty eight the said James Little tried to strangle me and threw me down on the ground and Knelt on my chest thereby bruising and discolouring my breast and side.
8. That on the twentieth day of February last the said James Little spit in my face several times in the presence of two respectable witnesses.
- 9 That on the evening of the twenty ninth day of February last the said James Little chased me out of the house with a Knife and threatened to take my life if I did not leave the house.
10. That on Wednesday the eleventh instant the said James Little struck me in the face with the back of his hand and tore my dress completely off my back.
11. That on the seventh day of March instant by reason of the great and continued cruelty practised towards me by my said husband I withdrew from the house of my said husband to the house of my sister at Guildford aforesaid that from and after the seventh day of March last I have lived separate and apart from my said husband and have not returned to his house or to cohabitation with him.
12. That there is no collusion or Connivance between one and my said husband with the view or purpose of obtaining a Judicial Separation or for any other view or purpose.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that the Honorable Court may be pleased to decree a Judicial separation between your petitioner and the said James Little and also to order that the said James

Little defray the Costs of and incidental to these proceedings And that your Petitioner may have such further and to her relief in the premises as to this Honorable Court shall seem meet.

And you Petitioner will ever pray

Sworn by the said Charlotte Anne Little.

5 May 1868. Petitioner's Solicitor filed petition and Affidavit in support thereof and extracted Citation against the Respondent.

5 May 1868. The Respondent was served with copies of the Citation and Petition.

8 July 1868. The Honorable Court will be moved by Counsel on behalf of the Petitioner to direct the order of trial in this cause.

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