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**MATRIMONIAL CAUSES  
COUNTY COURTS**

**The Divorce County Courts (Amendment No. 4) Order 1976**

*Made - - - - 20th December 1976*

*Coming into Operation 1st February 1977*

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

1. This Order may be cited as the Divorce County Courts (Amendment No. 4) Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1977.

2. For the purposes of section 1(1) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967 the Mansfield County Court shall be a divorce county court and a court of trial and the Merthyr Tydfil county court shall be a court of trial.

3. The following amendments shall accordingly be made in Schedule 1 to the Divorce County Courts Order 1971(b), as amended(c):—

(a) immediately below the reference to Manchester there shall be inserted “Mansfield (T)”;

(b) the reference to Merthyr Tydfil shall be marked “(T)”.

Dated 20th December 1976.

*Elwyn-Jones, C.*

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order further amends the Divorce County Courts Order 1971 by designating the Mansfield County Court as a divorce county court and by adding that court and the Merthyr Tydfil County Court to the list of those at which undefended matrimonial causes may be tried.

(a) 1967 c. 56.

(b) S.I. 1971/1954 (1971 III, p. 5271).

(c) S.I. 1972/1746, 1973/1278, 1974/1004, 1975/1002, 1869, 1976/17, 676, 1222 (1972 III, p. 5070; 1973 II, p. 3878; 1974 II, p. 3783; 1975 II, p. 3459; III, p. 7067; 1976 I, p. 37; II, pp. 1827, 3494).

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