

*To the Judge Ordinary of Her Majesty's Court for Divorce and  
Matrimonial Causes*

*The twenty sixth day of March 1867*

*The Petition of Miriam Prossor of Fair Oaks, Waterloo, in the County of Hants, the  
lawful wife of Henry Prossor. Sheweth*

- 1. That the Petitioner, then Miriam Faulkner, Spinster, was on the twenty eighth day of  
July 1861, lawfully married to Henry Prossor at the Register Office in the District of  
Pancras in the County of Middlesex.*
- 2. That after her said marriage your Petitioner lived and cohabited with her said husband at  
divers places and at No. 65 Gloucester Crescent, Regents Park, in the County of  
Middlesex and at Precentors Court in the City of York, and at Scarborough, in the  
County of York, and at Oak Cottage, Millbrook, Southampton, and that your Petitioner  
and her said husband have had issue of their said marriage three children, to wit Henry  
Cotton Prossor, aged five years, Louis Anthony Prossor, aged four years, and George  
Howard Prossor since deceased.*
- 3. That on or about the month of September 1862 the said Henry Prossor held a chopper  
over your Petitioner and threatened to murder her.*
- 4. That on or about July 1863 the said Henry Prossor held a loaded pistol to the head of  
your Petitioner and threatened to shoot her.*
- 5. That at Haverstock Hill in the County of Middlesex in February 1865 the said Henry  
Prossor struck your Petitioner on your Petitioner's head with a poker at the house of a*

Friend.

6. That at Scarborough in the month of September 1865 the said **Henry Prossor** threw a glass of cold water over your Petitioner whilst seated at dinner at the house of a friend.

7. That in September 1866 the said **Henry Prossor**, at his residence at Oak Cottage Millbrook, Southampton, aforesaid held a loaded pistol to the head of your Petitioner and threatened to shoot her because your Petitioner refused to pay money which he, the said **Henry Prossor**, had borrowed.

8. That in and during the years 1862 to 1866 both inclusive at their residence at No. 65 Gloucester Crescent, Regents Park, in the County of Middlesex; Precentors Court in the City of York, Scarborough in the County of York, and Oak Cottage, Millbrook, Southampton, aforesaid the said **Henry Prossor** has habitually used coarse violent and threatening language toward your Petitioner.

9. That in and during the years from 1861 to February 1867 at divers times and places the said **Henry Prossor** committed divers acts of cruelty upon your Petitioner. (Struck out by order of court dated 28<sup>th</sup> May 1867)

10. That under the circumstances aforesaid your Petitioner on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1867 withdrew from cohabitation with the said **Henry Prossor** and has ever since lived separate and apart from.

11. That on or about the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1866 at the residence of your Petitioner and the said **Henry Prossor**, situate at Oak Cottage, Millbrook, Southampton, aforesaid the said **Henry Prossor** committed adultery with **Elizabeth Didden** and that on other days between that day and the 23<sup>d</sup> of September 1866 the said **Henry Prossor** committed adultery with the said **Elizabeth Didden**.

12. That on or about the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1866 and on other days between that day and the 23<sup>d</sup> September 1866 the said **Henry Prossor** at his residence at Oak Cottage Millbrook Southampton, aforesaid, committed adultery with Alice Wateridge a servant in his employment.

13. That on the twenty fifth day of March 1866 and on other days between that day and the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1866, the said **Henry Prossor** at his residence at Oak Cottage, Millbrook, Southampton, aforesaid committed adultery with Eliza Bowes a servant then in his employment.

14. That in and during the years from 1862 to February 1867 at divers times and places the said **Henry Prossor** committed adultery with divers persons whose names are unknown to your Petitioner. (Struck out by order of court dated 28<sup>th</sup> May 1867).

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Lordship will be pleased to dissolve the said marriage of your Petitioner with the said **Henry Prossor** and to pronounce a decree of *absolute divorce* accordingly And that your Petitioner may have such further and other relief in the premises as to your Lordship may seem meet.

*Miriam Prossor*