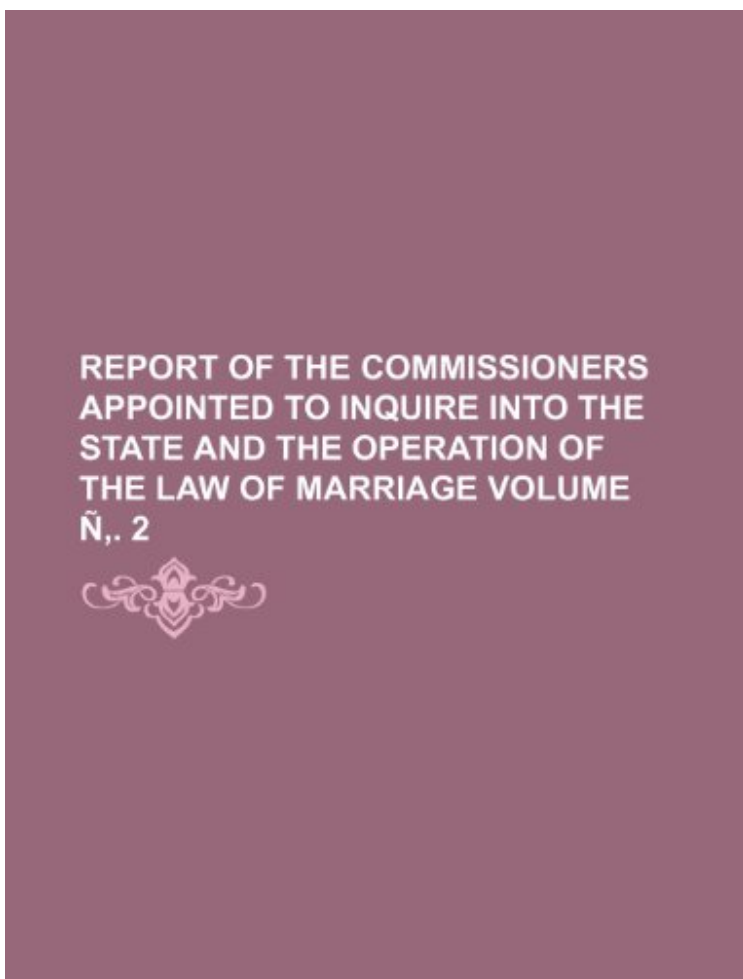


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marriage, did, at the request of the said parties, administer to them the oaths and declarations above written, and did then transmit the record of the said marriage to the Rev., being the chaplain nearest to the place, to be entered by him in the register-book kept for that purpose. (Signed) G. H., Magistrate. Sealed and delivered in presence of, X. M., of Y. Z., of 9. In concluding this long and anxious letter, I beg to assure your Lordship in Council, that if you should, on consideration, approve of any of the above suggestions, and should direct a Bill to be drawn accordingly, or if you should transmit them, or any part of them, after being modified according to your better judgment, to the authorities at home, to be submitted to the Archbishop of Canterbury, my object in this correspondence will be accomplished. Or if your Lordship should consider the subject to be too delicate to be thus summarily treated, and should prefer leaving the question to be decided by some general Marriage Bill sent out hereafter from home, I shall most entirely acquiesce in your Lordship's decision. I would only further venture to submit to the Supreme Government whether it may not become expedient A general Marriage (if the repetition of these irregular and uncertain marriages should occur), to notify to the Bill may be preferable that a correspondence having taken place between your Lordship in Council and the of irregular" mama" Bishop, you deemed it right to caution British subjects from contracting marriages in any in Calcutta, in any other manner than the Ecclesiastical Law of England, independently of what is termed the Council Governor Marriage Act, clearly authorizes, as such marriages, though they might be valid in some become expedite...