

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ZANZIBAR  
AT TUNGUU  
MATRIMONIAL PETITION NO. 04 OF 2022**

**HASSAN MOHAMED SAID ..... PETITIONER**

**VS**

**LARA FELICITY ASMUSSEN ..... RESPONDENT**

**EXPARTE JUDGEMENT**

30/03/2023 & 03/05/2023

**KAZI, J.:**

This is an exparte judgement against the respondent, Lara Felicity Asmussen, who, according to the affidavit of one Abdalla Juma Said, a Court Process Server, was summoned by way of substituted service by leaving the summons at her last residence house in Zanzibar since her current residence is unknown. Nevertheless, the respondent neither appeared nor filed a written statement of defence.

The petitioner's claim is for the dissolution of marriage.

The petition was disposed of by way of an affidavit deposed by the petitioner, who contended that he married the respondent on 25th March 2017 before the Director General Home Affairs Department in the Republic of South Africa. The petitioner contended further that after two years of marriage, the respondent started abusing the petitioner. He added that since 2020, they lived in a separation and are no longer in love; hence, they cannot live together as a husband and wife. He



deponed that their marriage had already broken, and nothing could be done to make them live together. The petitioner, therefore, prayed for the dissolution of his marriage with the respondent.

Having considered the petitioner's affidavit, I am satisfied that the petitioner has advanced sufficient grounds for this Court to dissolve their marriage with the respondent. Therefore, this Court is pleased to pronounce that the marriage between Hassan Mohamed Said and Lara Felicity Asmussen has been broken down irreparably. Accordingly, judgement is entered for the petitioner as follows: -

- i. The marriage between Hassan Mohamed Said and Lara Felicity Asmussen is hereby dissolved, and the Divorce Decree is accordingly issued.
- ii. No order as to costs.

Order accordingly.

Dated at Tunguu, Zanzibar this 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2023



**G. J. KAZI**  
**JUDGE**  
**03/05/2023**