

BISHOP SPEAKS AGAIN IN N. YORK ON ANNULMENT

Head of Cathedral of St. John the Divine Makes Statement

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—The "whole proceeding" of the annulment by the Roman Catholic Church of the marriage of the Duke of Marlborough and the former Countess Vanderbilt "is a discredit to the Christian Church and to the Catholic Church," said Bishop William T. Manning at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine today.

The bishop's statement took the form of an extended message to the diocese of New York in which he said, "if marriages are to be declared null and void on pleas as unscrupulous as this, no marriage and no home can be regarded as safe."

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The bishop criticized both the grounds of duress on which the annulment decision was rendered, and the right of a Vatican Court to pass upon the validity of a "marriage" between the members of another congregation solemnized in a Protestant Episcopal Church in New York, under the laws of the United States.

"This assumption of jurisdiction by a Vatican court," he said, "has serious implications and will be rightly censured by great numbers of our people."

Further characterizing the action of the Roman Rota as "an unwarranted intrusion and an impertinence," Bishop Manning turned to the assertions from abroad that the 47-year-old Countess was forced into the marriage by her mother, the present Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, who sailed yesterday for France.

The Vanderbilt-Marlborough wedding was solemnized in St. Thomas' Protestant Episcopal church here in 1905.

"Many who were present at the marriage," said the bishop, "and were associated closely with the Marlboroughs at the time, have informed me that they saw no sign whatever that the bride was acting under any compulsion, but quite of the contrary."

First Enrollment of the Subscribers To Cody's Coffee House Received

AS A REQUEST from the late Judge J. Russell Armstrong, the Natural History Society has received the original document of the first subscribers to Cody's Coffee Club House, the famous meeting place of the prominent citizens of Saint John through the early years of the city's history. The Coffee House was situated at the corner of King street where the Bank of Montreal now stands and it was there that the leaders in the realm of commerce discussed projects for the advancement of the young settlement and planned the big ventures which they boldly carried out.

With the original document Judge Armstrong bequeathed to the Society a facsimile copy and a newspaper cut of that copy. The facsimile is here reproduced. These articles have been handed to Dr. William Macdonald, curator of the Natural History museum, by Lt.-Col. B. R. Armstrong, son of Judge Armstrong.

WORDING ON DOCUMENT

The wording on the document with the signatures appended is as follows:

"William George Cody proposes to open a subscription room at the Coffee House where none but subscribers with those of their friends being non residents are to be admitted, the subscription to be 20 shillings each per annum for which the room will be furnished with Lloyd's list, a London daily paper and a Halifax and a Saint John weekly paper, to provide full candle light for the same, and a blank book for the insertion of news and pen, ink and paper. City of Saint John this 24th May 1803.

Those gentlemen who are willing to become subscribers will please sign their names hereto, William Campbell, William Pagan, Arthur Dingwall, Munson Jarvis, Jno Kinnear, James Codner, Nehemiah Merritt, John Ryan, Thomas Millidge, Jr., John Robinson, John Black, John McLeod, T. H. O. Wetmore, Colin Campbell, Hugh Johnston, James Gregor, Andrew Cruikshank, James Hendricks, David Merritt, Geo. McCall, John Sangster, Samuel Wiggins, Edward Sandes, William Donaldson, Eze Barlow, William Black, Ebn P. Gunter, William Donaldson, Junr., I. W. Dean, Alex. Umphray, Caleb Merritt, Peter Blair, Alex. Reed, George Leonard, Jr., John Chalmers, George Young, John Thomson, William Scovell, M. Colville, F. Gilbert, John Woodward, John Woodward, Francis Watson, Abel Hardenbrook and Michael Ryan."

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