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ROYAL COURT

(Matrimonial Causes Division)

4th December, 1989

Before: The Deputy Bailiff, and Jurats Vint and Le Boutillier

Between: W Petitioner

And: D Respondent

Application to the Royal Court by the Petitioner seeking an order for maintenance by the Respondent in respect of the children of the marriage.

Advocate M.J. Backhurst for the Respondent.

JUDGMENT

THE DEPUTY BAILIFF: This is a summons for maintenance for the children of the marriage. They are the two boys. We cannot go beyond the prayer of the summons, but of course the petitioner is not estopped from bringing a separate claim for G she can establish a legal liability against the respondent, although inevitably the maintenance payable for the two boys would have to be reviewed within the total commitment. We have no

confidence in the figures put forward by the respondent. We merely observed that if it is true that on the 13th September he had liabilities of £558 and yet four weeks' ago was able to start saving £40 per week, that is £20 for a Christmas Club and £20 for his next wedding, he must have been able to discharge debts of £558 in a matter of some six weeks. We think it is time that he faces up to the realities of the situation. "If in the process he cannot give Christmas presents, or has to postpone his re-marriage then so be it. We order that he will pay maintenance at the rate of £20 per child per week, that is a total of £40 starting on Friday, 8th December, 1989.

No authorities.