ROBYN J. WELCH, : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF

: LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Plaintiff :

: DOMESTIC RELATIONS

vs. : NO. 87-20,940

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RICHARD E. JOHNSTON, : CIVIL ACTION – LAW

:

Defendant : EXCEPTIONS

## MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Before this Court are the Exceptions filed by the Defendant Richard E. Johnston on June 9, 1999, to the Master's Report of Gerald Seevers, Esquire, dated May 18, 1999, relating to child support obligations. A hearing was held before this Court on July 31, 1999. At that time this Court found that the Defendant essentially was in contempt for failing to comply with the Order of May 18, 1999, while the Exceptions were pending and directed that not later than 5:00 p.m. on July 31<sup>st</sup> that the Defendant should comply with paragraph 6 of the May 18<sup>th</sup> Order relating to the furnishing of information concerning health care insurance matters. The Court specifically stated that each and every document directed by the May 18<sup>th</sup> Order was to be supplied to the Domestic Relations Office. Instead of complying the Defendant had a document submitted by his current wife, Lisa E. Johnston, which offered further explanation as to why the Order would not be complied with, although it did furnish a copy of a Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance card. By memo of August 3, 1999, the Domestic Relations Office advised this Court that the Order of July 21, 1999, had not been complied with. This Court had stated that the failure of the Defendant to comply would be a basis for dismissing the Exceptions. Attached to this Order are the documents referred to

above from the Defendant's current wife dated July 21, 1999, and the memo of the Domestic Relations Office dated August 3, 1999.

Furthermore, the Defendant insisted that in order for the Exceptions to be decided a transcript of the hearing of May 18, 1999 was necessary. This Court advised the Defendant to deposit the fee required by the Court Reporter for purposes of preparing the transcript. As of this date, that fee has still not been deposited. Accordingly, the following Order is entered.

## ORDER

AND NOW, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, it is ORDERED and DIRECTED that the Exceptions of the Defendant filed June 9, 1999 are DISMISSED. The Order of May 18, 1999 is confirmed absolute.

Leave is given to the Domestic Relations Office and/or the Plaintiff to take action to compel compliance with the Order of May 18, 1999 to the extent that it has not or is not being complied with.

BY THE COURT,

William S. Kieser, Judge

cc: R. Matthew Patch, Esquire

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