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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. XVII.

An Act to repeal certain Provisions of an Act passed in the Third Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend certain Provisions of the Twenty-sixth of* George *the Second, for the better preventing of clandestine Marriages.* [26th *March* 1823.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Third Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend certain Provisions of the Twenty-sixth of* George *the Second, for the better preventing of clandestine Marriages*, it is amongst other things enacted, that no Licence for any Marriage shall, from and after the First Day of *September* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, be granted by any Person having Authority to grant the same, until Oath shall have been made by the Persons and to the Effect required by the said Act: And whereas Inconveniences have been found to arise from such Provision, and from certain other Provisions of the said Act contained in that Part of the said Act which is subsequent to such herein-before recited Provision: And whereas it is expedient to repeal such Provisions, and to the intent that, until it shall be otherwise provided by Parliament, Marriages, whether solemnized by Licence or after Publication of Banns, may, save as is herein-after provided, be regulated by the Provisions of an Act passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the better preventing of Clandestine Marriages*, as before the passing of

3 G. 4. c. 75.

26 G. 2. c. 33.

of the said Act of the Third Year of His present Majesty: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, the herein-before recited Provision of the said Act, and all and every the Enactments and Provisions contained in that Part of the said Act which is subsequent to such herein-before recited Provision, shall be and the same are hereby repealed; and that Licences shall and may be granted by the same Persons, and in the same Manner and Form, and in the case of Minors with the same Consent, and Banns be published in the same Manner and Form, as Licences and Banns were respectively regulated by the Provisions of the said recited Act of His late Majesty King *George* the Second.

Certain Provisions repealed.

Licences may be granted, and Banns published, as under 26 G. 2. c. 33.

II. And whereas it may happen that, after the passing of this Act, Marriages may be solemnized according to the Provisions of the said recited Act of His present Majesty; be it therefore enacted, That all Marriages which have been or shall be solemnized under Licences granted or Banns published conformably to the Provisions of the said recited Act of His present Majesty, shall be good and valid: Provided always, that no Marriage solemnized under any Licence granted in the Form and Manner prescribed by either of the said recited Acts, shall be deemed invalid on account of Want of Consent of any Parent or Guardian.

Marriages solemnized under Licences granted, or Banns published conformably to 3 G. 4. c. 75. valid, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That a printed Copy of this Act shall, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing thereof, be provided by His Majesty's Printer, and transmitted to the officiating Ministers of the several Parishes and Chapelries in *England* respectively.

Copies of this Act to be transmitted by the King's Printer to the Officiating Ministers.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

Act may be altered or repealed this Session.

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