

ANNO QUARTO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. LXVII.

An Act to declare valid certain Marriages that have been solemnized at *St. Petersburgh* since the Abolition of the *British* Factory there.

[10th *July* 1823.]

WHEREAS the *British* Factory at *St. Petersburgh* was, by the Manifesto of the Emperor of *Russia*, declared to be abolished from and after the Twentieth Day of *June* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and seven: And whereas divers Marriages of Subjects of this Realm resident at *St. Petersburgh* have, since the said Twentieth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and seven, been solemnized there by the Chaplain of the *Russia* Company in the Chapel of the said Company, and in private Houses, before Witnesses, according to the Religious Ceremonies of the Church of *England*: And whereas it is expedient to declare the Validity of such Marriages, in order that no Doubts or Disquietude may hereafter arise thereupon: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be declared and enacted; and be it declared and 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 all Marriages (both or one of the Parties thereto being Subjects or a Subject of this Realm) that have, since the said Twentieth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and seven, been solemnized, or that shall hereafter be solemnized at *St. Petersburgh* by the Chaplain to the said *Russia* Company, or by a Minister of the Church of *England* officiating

Marriages of British Subjects solemnized at Saint Petersburgh declared valid.

officiating instead of such Chaplain, in the Chapel of the said *Russia* Company, or in any other Place, before Witnesses, shall be as good and valid in Law, and so deemed in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and in the Dominions thereunto belonging, as if the same had been solemnized before the Abolition of the said Factory.

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