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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. XCI.

An Act to relieve His Majesty's Subjects from all Doubt concerning the Validity of certain Marriages solemnized abroad. [18th *July* 1823.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to relieve the Minds of all His Majesty's Subjects from any Doubt concerning the Validity of Marriages solemnized by a Minister of the Church of *England* in the Chapel or House of any *British* Embassador or Minister residing within the Country to the Court of which he is accredited, or in the Chapel belonging to any *British* Factory abroad, or in the House of any *British* Subject residing at such Factory, as well as from any Possibility of Doubt concerning the Validity of Marriages solemnized within the *British* Lines by any Chaplain or Officer, or other Person officiating under the Orders of the Commanding Officer of a *British* Army serving abroad; be it declared and enacted, and it is hereby 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 such Marriages as aforesaid shall be deemed and held to be as valid in Law as if the same had been solemnized within His Majesty's Dominions, with a due Observance of all Forms required by Law.

Marriages solemnized abroad by Ministers of the Church of England, &c. declared as valid as if solemnized in His Majesty's Dominions.

Not to affect the Validity of Marriages solemnized beyond Seas.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall confirm or impair or anywise affect, or be construed to confirm or to impair or anywise to affect, the Validity in Law of any Marriages solemnized beyond the Seas, save and except such as have been or shall be solemnized in the Places, Form, and Manner herein specified and recited.

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