CAP. CXXII.

An Act to render valid certain Marriages in the Church of the *Holy Trinity* in the Township of *Hulme* and Parish of *Manchester* in the County of *Lancaster*. [20th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS the Church of the *Holy Trinity* in the Township of *Hulme* and Parish of *Manchester* in the County of *Lancaster* was erected and built some time in or about the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and was duly consecrated for the Performance of Divine Service therein: And whereas under and in pursuance of the Powers given by the Act passed in the Seventh Year of King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for Marriages in* England, the Lord Bishop of *Manchester* has, by a Licence under his Hand and Seal bearing Date the Twenty-eighth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, authorized the Solemnization of Marriages in the said Church: And whereas before the Date of the said Licence divers Marriages had been solemnized in the said Church by the Minister thereof and by other Clergymen, under the Opinion that according to the Terms of the Sentence of Consecration of the said Church, or otherwise, Marriages might be lawfully solemnized therein, and Entries of the said Marriages so solemnized had been from Time to Time made in Register Books kept at the said Church, in compliance with the Provisions concerning Registry of Marriages: And whereas it is expedient to remove all Doubts arising from the Circumstances aforesaid touching the Validity of the Marriages so as aforesaid solemnized in the said Church:' Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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— 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 85.

I. All Marriages heretofore solemnized in the said Church and the Publication of Banns in such Church previous to any such Marriage, shall be and be deemed to have been as good, valid, and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as if such Marriages had been solemnized and such Publication of Banns had taken place in the Collegiate or Cathedral and Parish Church of *Manchester*. Marriages solemnized in Holy Trinity Church, Hulme, declared valid.

II. No Minister who has solemnized any of the said Marriages shall be liable to any Ecclesiastical Censures, or to any other Proceedings or Penalties whatsoever, by reason of his having so as aforesaid solemnized the same respectively. Ministers having solemnized Marriages indemnified.

III. The Registers of the Marriages so solemnized as aforesaid, or Copies of such Registers, shall be received in all Courts of Law and Equity as Evidence of such Marriages respectively, in the same Manner as Registers of Marriages in Parish Churches, or Copies thereof, are by Law receivable in Evidence. Registers to be Evidence.

CAP. CXXIII.

An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Investments of Friendly Societies. [20th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS by the Acts now in force relating to Friendly Societies such Societies are authorized and required to invest their Funds in the Manner and upon the Securities mentioned in the said Acts: And whereas it is expedient to grant other Facilities for investing their Funds to such Societies:' Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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, as follows:

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