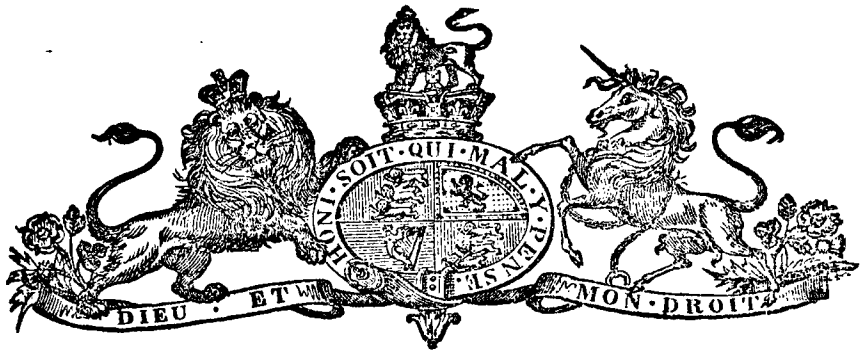



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## CAP. XLVI.

## An Act to remove Doubts as to the Validity of certain Marriages of *British* Subjects abroad.

[23d *July* 1858.]

WHEREAS Marriages have from Time to Time been solemnized at *Moscow* in the Empire of *Russia*, in a Chapel there belonging to the *Russia* Company, but not belonging to any *British* Factory there, by the Chaplain, a Minister of the Church of *England*, and Doubts may be entertained concerning the Validity of such of the said Marriages as may have been solemnized since the passing of the Act of the Session holden in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Sixty-eight: And whereas certain Marriages of *British* Subjects were solemnized in *Tahiti*, by or in the Presence of Mr. *George Charles Miller*, Her Majesty's Consul for the Island of *Tahiti* and its Dependencies, before the Authority, under the Hand of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to solemnize and register Marriages according to the Provisions of the said Act of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of Her Majesty, was received by such Consul: And certain Marriages have been solemnized at *Ningpo*, by or in the Presence of Mr. *C. A. Sinclair*, Her Majesty's Vice-Consul there, and by or in the Presence of Mr. *Thomas Taylor Meadows*, acting as Vice-Consul at *Ningpo* in the Absence of the said *C. A. Sinclair*, no such Authority as before mentioned to solemnize and register Marriages having been

12 & 13 Vict. c. 68.



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received by such Vice-Consul or acting Vice-Consul; and Doubts may be entertained as to the Validity of such Marriages: Be it 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:

Certain Marriages solemnized in Moscow, Tahiti, and Ningpo confirmed.

I. All Marriages which before the passing of this Act have been solemnized in the Chapel of the *Russia* Company at *Moscow* by the Chaplain of the said Company, or by any Minister in Holy Orders, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, and all Marriages solemnized in the Island of *Tahiti* or its Dependencies by or in the Presence of the said *George Charles Miller*, and all Marriages solemnized at *Ningpo* by or in the Presence of the said *C. A. Sinclair* or *Thomas Taylor Meadows* (both or one of the Parties to such respective Marriages being Subjects or a Subject of this Realm), shall be deemed and held to be as valid in the Law as if the same respectively had been solemnized within Her Majesty's Dominions with a due Observance of all Forms required by Law.

Certificates received by Secretary of State to be sent to the Registrar-General, and certified Copies to be Evidence as under 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 86.

II. It shall be lawful for One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to transmit to the Registrar-General of Births and Marriages in *England* all such Certificates of the Marriages solemnized as aforesaid as have been or shall be transmitted to the Office of such Secretary of State, under the Seal of the said *Russia* Company, or by Her Majesty's Consuls or Vice-Consuls at *Moscow*, *Tahiti*, and *Ningpo* respectively; and all Certificates which shall be transmitted to such Registrar-General by such Secretary of State as Certificates of the Marriages confirmed by this Act shall be received by such Registrar-General, and shall be kept in the General Register Office in manner directed by the Act of the Session holden in the Sixth and Seventh Years of King *William* the Fourth, Chapter Eighty-six, "for registering Births, Deaths, and Marriages in *England*," concerning the certified Copies of Registers sent to the said Registrar-General, as therein mentioned; and a certified Copy of any such Certificate, such Copy purporting to be sealed or stamped with the Seal of the General Register Office, shall be received as Evidence of the Marriage to which the same relates having been solemnized as aforesaid, without further or other Proof.

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III. All Persons shall have the like Right to search such Certificates and to have certified Copies thereof, and upon the like Payment, as provided under the said Act with respect to Searches in the Indexes to be made and kept in the said Register Office under that Act

Act, and certified Copies of Registers therein mentioned; and Section Forty-three of such Act concerning the destroying, injuring, or falsifying of Register Books, or giving false Certificates of Entries, or certifying any false Copy or Extract, shall be applicable with respect to the Certificates to be received by the said Registrar-General under this Act in the like Manner as such Enactment applies with respect to such Register Books.

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