the Judge of the Court of Admiralty, the Judge Ordinary of the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, and the Judge of the Court of Probate; in *Scotland*, the High Court of Justiciary, and the Court of Session acting by either of its Divisions; in *Ireland*, the Superior Courts of Law at *Dublin*, the Master of the Rolls, and the Judge of the Admiralty Court; and in any other Part of Her Majesty's Dominions, the Superior Courts of Law or Equity therein.

CAP. LXIV.

An Act to remove Doubts as to the Validity of certain Marriages of *British* Subjects at *Lisbon*. [13th *August* 1859.]

'WHEREAS the *British* Chapel at *Lisbon* was erected in or about the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, out of Funds at the Disposal of the 'British Merchants and Factors in *Portugal* for pious, charitable, and public Uses, and has 'since been maintained in part by Contributions of *British* residents in *Lisbon*, and in part 'by Moneys provided by Parliament: And whereas the said Chapel has been considered 'to be under the special Protection and Direction of the *British* Legation, and Marriages 'have been solemnized therein between *British* Subjects according to the Rites of the 'United Church of *England* and *Ireland*: And whereas Doubts may be entertained con-'cerning 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:' 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: 12 & 13 Vict. c. 68.

Marriages solemnized in the British Chapel at Lisbon confirmed.

I. All Marriages which before the passing of this Act have been solemnized in the said Chapel at *Lisbon* by the *British* Chaplain, or by any Minister in Holy Orders, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, (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 by Her Majesty's Consul or Vice-Consul at *Lisbon*; 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.

Right to search and have Copies.

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, 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.