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An Act to render valid certain Marriages in the Church of *Saint James Baldersby* in the County of *York*. [19th *April* 1859.]

WHEREAS the Church called *Saint James Baldersby* in the Parish of *Topcliffe* in the County and Diocese of *York* was erected in or before the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and was duly consecrated in that Year for the Performance of Divine Service therein: And whereas divers Marriages have been solemnized in the said Church 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 have been from Time to Time made in the Register Books kept at the said Church, in compliance with the Provisions concerning Registry of Marriages: And whereas it is expedient, under the Circumstances aforesaid, to confirm the Marriages so solemnized: 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:

Saint James Baldersby Marriages Validity.

Marriages solemnized in St. James Baldersby declared valid.

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 Parish Church of *Topcliffe*.

Ministers having solemnized Marriages indemnified.

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 solemnized the same respectively.

Registers to be Evidence.

III. The Registers of the Marriages so solemnized, 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.

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