CHAPTER 14.

An Act to render valid Marriages heretofore solemnized in the Chapel of Ease called "Saint Paul's Church at Pooley Bridge," in the parish of Barton in the county of Westmorland. [8th June 1874.]

WHEREAS the church or chapel known as Saint Paul's Church at Pooley Bridge, in the parish of Barton in the county of Westmorland and diocese of Carlisle, was, on the twenty-ninth day of July one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, duly consecrated for the performance of divine service, but no authority has ever been given by the bishop of the said diocese, or otherwise, for the publication of banns and solemnization of marriages therein:

And whereas divers marriages have nevertheless been solemnized in the said church or chapel under an erroneous impression on the part of the minister thereof that by virtue of the consecration of the said church or chapel, or otherwise, marriages might be lawfully solemnized therein, and entries of the said marriages so solemnized have from time to time been made in the register books kept either at the said church or chapel, or at the parish church of Barton aforesaid:

And whereas it is expedient, under the circumstances aforesaid, to remove all doubts touching the validity of the marriages so solemnized in the said church or chapel:

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:

1. All banns of matrimony and marriages published or solemnized before the passing of this Act in the church or chapel known as Saint Paul's Church at Pooley Bridge, in the parish of Barton aforesaid, shall be as valid as if the same had been published or solemnized in a church duly consecrated and licensed for marriages. Marriages heretofore solemnized in Chapel of St. Paul at Pooley Bridge to be valid.

2. No minister who has solemnized any of the said marriages shall be liable to any ecclesiastical censure, or to any other proceedings or penalties whatsoever, by reason of his having so solemnized the same respectively. Minister officiating not liable to censure.

3. 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. Registers of such marriages to be evidence.

CHAPTER 15.

An Act to amend the Act of sixteenth and seventeenth Victoria, chapter one hundred and nineteen, intituled "An Act for the Suppression of Betting Houses." [8th June 1874.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act of the session of the sixteenth and seventeenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and nineteen, intituled "An Act for the suppression of Betting Houses," and to extend the provisions of such Act to Scotland:

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:

1. This Act shall be construed as one with the Act of the session of the sixteenth and seventeenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and nineteen, intituled "An Act for the suppression of Betting Houses" (in this Act referred to as the principal Act), and the principal Act and this Act may be cited together as the Betting Act to be construed with 16 & 17 Vict. c. 119. Short title.