

ANNO TERTIO & QUARTO

GULIELMI IV. REGIS.

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CAP. CII.

An Act to repeal certain penal Enactments made in the Parliament of *Ireland* against Roman Catholic Clergymen for celebrating Marriages contrary to the Provisions of certain Acts made in the Parliament of *Ireland*.

[29th *August* 1833.]

WHEREAS Roman Catholic Clergymen were by certain Acts of the Parliament of *Ireland* rendered liable to Punishment, Pains, and Penalties for celebrating Marriages contrary to the Provisions thereof, to which Punishment, Pains, and Penalties no other Clergymen or Ministers are liable: And whereas it is expedient to amend the Law in this respect: Be it therefore enacted by the King'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 so much of the following Acts made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, (that is to say,) of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for the more effectual preventing the taking away and marrying Children against the Will of their Parents or Guardians;* also of an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, intituled *An Act to prevent Marriages by degraded Clergymen and Popish Priests, and for preventing Marriages consummated from being avoided by*

So much of the Acts herein named of 6 Ann. (I.)

12 G. 1. (I.)

by Pre-contracts, and for the more effectual preventing of Bigamy; also of an Act passed in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for explaining and making more effectual an Act, intituled 'An Act for the more effectual preventing clandestine Marriages;'* and another Act passed in the Twelfth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to preventing Marriages by degraded Clergymen and Popish Priests, and for preventing Marriages consummated from being avoided by Pre-contracts, and for the more effectual punishing of Bigamy;* also of an Act passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the Relief of His Majesty's Popish or Roman Catholic Subjects of* Ireland, as contains any penal Enactment which exclusively affects a Roman Catholic Clergyman celebrating Marriage between any Persons, knowing them or either of them at the Time of such Marriage to be of the Protestant Religion, or as declares or enacts that any Roman Catholic Clergyman who shall celebrate any Marriage between Two Protestants or reputed Protestants, or between a Protestant or reputed Protestant and a Roman Catholic, shall be guilty of Felony, and suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy or of the Statute, or as enacts and declares that any Roman Catholic Clergyman who shall celebrate any Marriage between Two Protestants, or between any such Protestant and Papist, unless such Protestant and Papist shall have been first married by a Clergyman of the Protestant Religion, shall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds to His Majesty upon Conviction thereof, shall from and after the passing of this Act be repealed, and that so much and such Parts only of the said recited Acts are hereby repealed.

23 G. 2. (I.)

12 G. 3. (I.)

33 G. 3. (I.) as makes it Felony for Roman Catholic Clergymen to celebrate Marriages between Protestants, &c. repealed.

Nothing herein to extend to any former Proceedings, nor to affect any of the recited Acts that repeal former Acts.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to any Proceeding, Criminal or Civil, commenced before the passing of this Act; and that nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal so much of any of the said recited Acts as expressly or by Implication repeals any former Act or Acts, nor to revive or recognize any Enactment as being in force at the Time of the passing of this Act which by any Act heretofore made was expressly or by Implication repealed or altered.

Act not to give Validity to any Ceremony not now valid &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to the giving Validity to any Marriage Ceremony in *Ireland*, which Ceremony is not now valid under the existing Laws, or to the repeal of any Enactments now in force for preventing the Performance of the Marriage Ceremony by degraded Clergymen.

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