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CAP. XXIV.

An Act to render valid certain Marriages solemnized in a Chapel of Ease, in the Parish of *Wandsworth* in the County of *Surrey*, called *Saint Ann*'s Chapel. [21st *June* 1836.]

WHEREAS *Saint Ann*'s Chapel in the Parish of *Wandsworth* in the County of *Surrey* and Diocese of *Winchester* is a Chapel of Ease to the Parish Church of *Wandsworth* aforesaid, and hath been duly consecrated for the Performance of Divine Service, but no Authority hath ever been given by the Bishop of the said Diocese for the Publication of Banns and the Solemnization of Marriages in the said Chapel: And whereas divers Marriages have been solemnized in the said Chapel by the Officiating Minister for the Time being of the Parish Church of *Wandsworth* aforesaid, and by the Officiating Minister for the Time being of the said Chapel, and other Clergymen, under the erroneous Conception that according to the Terms of the Sentence of Consecration of the said Chapel, or otherwise, Marriages might be lawfully solemnized therein; and Entries of the several Marriages so solemnized as aforesaid have been from Time to Time made in the Register Book of the said Parish, in compliance with the Provisions of an Act of Parliament passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for amending the Laws respecting the Solemnization of Marriages in* England, except that in each such Entry it hath been expressly stated that the Marriage was solemnized in the said Chapel: 4 G. 4. c. 76.

Chapel: And whereas it is expedient to remove all Doubts arising from the Circumstances aforesaid touching the Validity of the Marriages so solemnized in the said Chapel as aforesaid: 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 all Marriages solemnized in the said Chapel called *Saint Ann*'s Chapel by the Officiating Minister for the Time being of the said Parish Church of *Wandsworth*, and by the Officiating Minister for the Time being of the said Chapel, or by any other Clergymen respectively being Ministers of the Church of *England*, shall be as good and valid in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as if the same had been solemnized in the Parish Church of *Wandsworth* aforesaid.

Marriages already solemnized in Saint Ann's Chapel, Wandsworth, declared to be valid.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Minister or Ministers who solemnized such Marriages respectively as aforesaid shall not be liable to any Ecclesiastical Censures, or to any other Proceedings or Penalties whatsoever, by reason of his or their having so as aforesaid solemnized the same respectively.

Ministers solemnizing such Marriages, &c. not to be liable to Penalties,

III. And be it further enacted, That the Registers of the Marriages so solemnized as aforesaid, 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 the same would have been receivable in Evidence in case the said Marriages respectively had been solemnized in the Parish Church of *Wandsworth* aforesaid, and the Fact of the same Marriages having been solemnized in the said Parish Church had been stated in the Registers relating to such Marriages respectively.

Registers to be Evidence.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to authorize the Publication of Banns or the Solemnization of Marriages in the said Chapel hereafter.

This Act not to authorize future Marriages in the Chapel.

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