

ANNO SEXTO & SEPTIMO

GULIELMI IV. REGIS.

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CAP. XCII.

An Act to render valid certain Marriages solemnized in the Church of *Saint Clement, Oxford.*

[17th *August* 1836.]

WHEREAS the ancient Parish Church of *Saint Clement* in the City and Diocese of *Oxford*, being not only very much decayed, but insufficient in Size and Accommodation for a due Proportion of the Inhabitants of the said Parish to attend Divine Service, the same was some time since taken down, and a new Church was erected on a different Site within the said Parish, and the same was duly consecrated by the then Lord Bishop of *Oxford*, and has since been used as the Parish Church of the said Parish of *Saint Clement*, and Public Worship has been regularly performed, and many Marriages solemnized therein, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of *England:* And whereas it is considered that the said new Church is not legally the Parish Church of the said Parish of *Saint Clement;* and it is expedient to remove all Doubts which may thereby arise touching the Validity of Marriages already solemnized therein: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 which have been solemnized within the said new Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of *England* since the Consecration thereof shall

All Marriages solemnized in the Church of

St. Clement, Oxford, declared valid.

shall be good and valid in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if such Marriages had been solemnized in the old Church of the said Parish of *Saint Clement*.

Ministers not to be liable to Penalties.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Parsons, Vicars, Ministers, and Curates who have solemnized any such Marriages 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 Marriages respectively.

Registers to be Evidence.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Registers of such Marriages so solemnized in the said new Church shall be received in all Courts of Law and Equity as Evidence of such Marriages respectively, in the same Manner as they would have been receivable in Evidence in case the said Marriages respectively had been solemnized in the said old Church of the Parish of *Saint Clement* aforesaid.

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