# CHAPTER clxvi.

An Act to legalize certain Marriages celebrated in the Chapel at Alsager, in the parish of Barthomley. A.D. 1881.

[11th August 1881.]

WHEREAS under the provisions of a Private Act of the twenty-ninth year of the reign of King George the Third, chapter eleven, a chapel, called Christ Church Chapel, was erected at Alsager, in the parish of Barthomley, in the county and diocese of Chester:

And whereas the late Church Building Commissioners made a representation to Her Majesty in Council for the assignment of a district to the said chapel, and an Order in Council was made thereupon on the eighteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two:

And whereas doubts have been raised as to the validity of the said Order in Council, by reason of its being at variance with the Private Act of Parliament herein-before mentioned; and the provisions of the said Order have been for some time disregarded:

And whereas certain marriages were celebrated in the said chapel on and between the eighteenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two and the twenty-ninth day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, which marriages are not valid unless the said Order in Council is valid:

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:

Validity of marriages heretofore solemnised in Christ Church, Alsager

**1.** All banns of matrimony published and all marriages solemnised before the passing of this Act in the church or chapel known as Christ Church at Alsager, in the parish of Barthomley, in the county and diocese of Chester, shall, notwithstanding that the Order in Council of the eighteenth day of August one thousand

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eight hundred and fifty-two relating to that church or chapel may be found to be invalid, be as valid as they would have been if the said Order in Council had been validly made in pursuance of the above-mentioned Acts.

Minister officiating not liable to censure.

**2.** A minister who has published any of the said banns and solemnised any of the said marriages shall not be liable to any ecclesiastical censure, or to any other proceedings or penalties whatsoever, by reason of his having so published or solemnised the same respectively.

Registers of such marriages to be evidence.

**3.** The registers of the marriages so solemnised, or copies of such registers, shall be respectively received as evidence of such marriages, in the same manner as registers of marriages in parish churches, or copies thereof are by law receivable in evidence.

Short title.

**4.** This Act may be cited as the Alsager Chapel (Marriages) Act, 1881.

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