CHAPTER 38.

An Act to remove Doubts as to the Validity of certain Marriages solemnised in Basutoland and in British Bechuanaland. [12th August 1889.]

WHEREAS doubts have been entertained as to the validity of certain marriages solemnised by ministers of the Christian religion in Basutoland and in British Bechuanaland, and it is expedient to remove those doubts:

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:

Validation of certain marriages.

1. All marriages (both or one of the parties thereto being subjects or a subject of this realm) solemnised in the territory of Basutoland before the thirteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and seventy, or in the territory of British Bechuanaland before the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, by any minister of religion of any denomination of Christians duly appointed or ordained, or reputed to be duly appointed or ordained, and which shall within three years after the passing of this Act have been registered at such place and in such manner as the High Commissioner in South Africa shall by proclamation to be made within six months after the passing of this Act prescribe, shall be as valid in law as if they had been solemnised within Her Majesty's dominions with a due observance of all forms required by law.

Provided that this Act shall not render valid any marriage which, before the passing of this Act, has been declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or affect any right dependent on the validity or invalidity thereof, or render valid any marriage either of the parties to which has, during the life of the other, lawfully intermarried with any other person.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Basutoland and British Bechuanaland Marriage Act, 1889.

CHAPTER 39.

An Act to amend and extend the Law relating to Judicial Factors and others in Scotland, and to unite the Offices of the Accountant of the Court of Session and the Accountant in Bankruptcy in Scotland. [12th August 1889.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act twelfth and thirteenth Victoria, chapter fifty-one, intituled "An Act "of Parliament for the better protection of the property of pupils, "absent persons, and persons under mental incapacity in Scotland,"