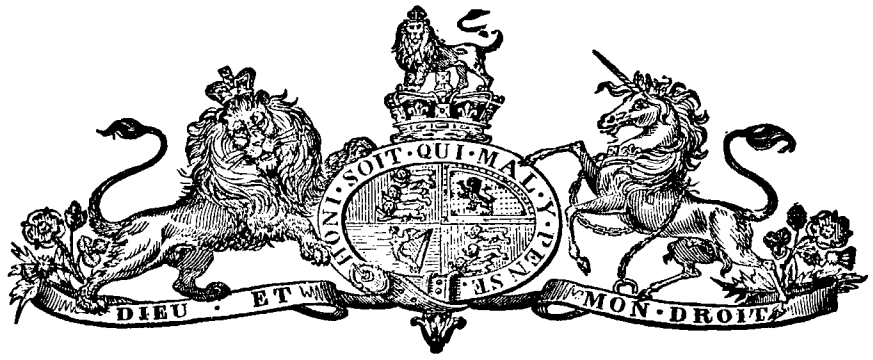


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CAP. LXI.

An Act for removing Doubts as to the Validity of certain Marriages between *British* Subjects in *China* and elsewhere, and for amending the Law relating to the Marriage of *British* Subjects in Foreign Countries. [16th *July* 1868.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the Session of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Sixty-eight, intituled *An Act for facilitating the Marriage of* British *Subjects resident in Foreign Countries*, Provision is made for the Solemnization of Marriages in Foreign Countries, or Places where there may be a *British* Consul duly authorized in that Behalf, between Persons, both or one of whom is or are a *British* Subject or *British* Subjects, and it is thereby enacted, that every *British* Consul General and Consul appointed or to be appointed to reside in any Foreign Country or Place who shall be directed or authorized in Writing under the Hand of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to solemnize and register Marriages, and any Persons duly authorized to act in the Absence of such Consul, shall, in the Country or Place in which he is so appointed to reside, or in which he is directed or authorized to

solemnize or register Marriages as aforesaid, be a Consul duly authorized for all the Purposes of the said Act:

And whereas Marriages have been from Time to Time solemnized at certain Places in *China* and elsewhere between Persons, being both or one of them Subjects or a Subject of this Realm, by Persons acting temporarily as Consuls in such Places:

And whereas Doubts are entertained as to the Validity of the said Marriages, owing to a Question having arisen whether the Persons by whom the same were solemnized were duly authorized in that Behalf, and it is expedient to remove such Doubts as to the said Marriages, and as to any Marriages which may be celebrated in like Manner after the passing of this Act:

Be it 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:

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The Consular Marriage Act, 1868."

Certain past Marriages herein specified confirmed.

2. All Marriages solemnized before the passing of this Act (both or one of the Parties thereto being Subjects or a Subject of this Realm) by or in the Presence of any Person acting or purporting to act in the Place of a *British* Consul, such Consul being duly authorized to solemnize and register Marriages according to the Provisions of the said recited Act, shall be as valid in Law as if the same had been solemnized by or in the Presence of such *British* Consul.

Acting Consuls to have Power to solemnize Marriages.

3. From and after the passing of this Act, every Person acting or legally authorized to act in the Place of a *British* Consul, such Consul being duly authorized to solemnize and register Marriages between Persons (both or one of them being a Subject or Subjects of this Realm), shall be deemed to be a *British* Consul duly authorized for all the Purposes of the said recited Act.

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