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CAP. XXIII.

An Act to render valid Marriages heretofore solemnized in the Chapel of Ease of *Frampton Mansel* in the Parish of *Sapperton* in the County of *Gloucester*. [29th *May* 1868.]

WHEREAS a Chapel was some Time since built in the Hamlet of *Frampton Mansel* in the Parish of *Sapperton* in the County of *Gloucester* as a Chapel of Ease to the Parish Church of *Sapperton* aforesaid, and was on the Twenty-fifth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four duly consecrated for the Performance of Divine Service, but no Authority has ever been given by the Bishop of the Diocese in which the said Chapel is situate, or otherwise, for the Publication of Banns and the Solemnization of Marriages therein: And whereas divers Marriages have been solemnized in the said Chapel under an erroneous Impression on the Part of the Minister thereof that by virtue of the Consecration of the said Chapel or otherwise Marriages might be lawfully solemnized therein, and Entries of the said Marriages so solemnized have from Time to Time been made in the Register Books kept at the said Parish Church of *Sapperton* aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient under the Circumstances aforesaid to remove all Doubts touching the Validity of the Marriages so solemnized in

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the said Chapel: 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 *Frampton Mansel* Marriage Act, 1868."

Validity of Marriages heretofore solemnized in Chapel of Frampton Mansel.

2. All Marriages solemnized before the passing of this Act in the said Chapel by the Officiating Minister thereof or by any other Clergyman being a duly ordained Minister of the Church of *England*, and the Publication of Banns in such Chapel by such Minister or Clergyman previous to any such Marriages, shall be and be deemed to have been as valid and effectual in the Law to all Intents as if such Marriages had been solemnized and such Publication of Banns had taken place in the Parish Church of *Sapperton* aforesaid.

Minister officiating not liable to Censure.

3. No Minister who has solemnized any of the said Marriages shall be liable to any Ecclesiastical Censures or to any other Proceedings or Penalties whatsoever by reason of his having so solemnized the same respectively.

Register of such Marriages to be Evidence.

4. The Registers of the Marriages so solemnized, 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 Registers of Marriages in Parish Churches or Copies thereof are by Law receivable in Evidence.

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