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An Act to amend an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for amending the Laws respecting the Solemnization of Marriages in* England. [17th *May* 1824.]

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for* (4 G. 4. c. 76.) *amending the Laws respecting the Solemnization of Marriages in* England, it is provided, that if the Church of any Parish, or Chapel of any Chapelry, wherein Marriages have been usually solemnized, be demolished in order to be rebuilt, or be under repair, and on such account be disused for Public Service, it shall be lawful for the Banns to be proclaimed in a Church or Chapel of any adjoining Parish or Chapelry in which Banns are usually proclaimed, or in any Place within the Limits of the Parish or Chapelry which shall be licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese for the Performance of Divine Service during the Repair or Rebuilding of the Church as aforesaid; but it is not provided that Marriages may be solemnized in such Place so licensed: And whereas it is farther provided, that where no such Place shall be so licensed, then during such Period as aforesaid the Marriage may be solemnized in the adjoining Church or Chapel wherein the Banns have been proclaimed; but it is not provided that Marriages may be solemnized by Licence in such

adjoining Church or Chapel as aforesaid: And whereas it is provided that all Marriages theretofore, but it is not provided that Marriages thereafter solemnized in other Places within the said Parishes or Chapelries than the said Churches or Chapels, on account of their being under repair, or taken down in order to be rebuilt, shall not be liable to have their Validity questioned on that Account: And whereas it is provided, that the Ministers who have so solemnized the same shall not be liable to any Ecclesiastical Censure, or to any other Proceeding or Penalty whatsoever; but it is not provided that the Ministers who shall thereafter solemnize such Marriages shall not be liable to such Censure or other Proceeding or Penalty: And whereas it is expedient that Marriages heretofore and hereafter solemnized in such Place so licensed as aforesaid, during the Repair or Rebuilding of any Church or Chapel, or if no such Place shall be so licensed, then in a Church or Chapel of some adjoining Parish or Chapelry, whether by Banns lawfully proclaimed, or by Licence lawfully granted, should not have their Validity questioned on account of their being so solemnized: And whereas it is expedient that the Ministers who shall have so solemnized the same should not be liable to any Ecclesiastical Censure, or to any other Proceeding whatsoever: Therefore be it enacted, and it is hereby 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 from and after the passing of this Act, all Marriages which have been heretofore solemnized or which shall be hereafter solemnized in any Place within the Limits of such Parish or Chapelry so licensed as aforesaid for the Performance of Divine Service during the Repair or Rebuilding of the Church of any Parish, or Chapel of any Chapelry, wherein Marriages have been usually solemnized, or if no such Place shall be so licensed, then in a Church or Chapel of any adjoining Parish or Chapelry in which Banns are usually proclaimed, whether by Banns lawfully published in such Church or Chapel, or by Licence lawfully granted, shall not have their Validity questioned on account of their having been so solemnized; nor shall the Ministers who have so solemnized the same be liable to any Ecclesiastical Censure, or to any other Proceeding whatsoever.

Validity of Marriages solemnized in certain Places where Churches or Chapels are under Repair, &c. not to be questioned.

II. And be it further enacted, That all Licences granted by any Archbishop, Bishop, or other Ordinary or Person having Authority to grant such Licences for the Solemnization of Marriages in the Church of any Parish or Chapel of any Chapelry wherein Marriages have been usually solemnized, shall be deemed and taken to be Licences for the Solemnization of Marriages in any Place within the Limits of such Parish or Chapelry which shall be licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese for the Performance of Divine Service during the Repair or Rebuilding of any such Church or Chapel, or if no such Place shall be so licensed, then in the Church or Chapel of any adjoining Parish or Chapelry wherein Marriages have been usually solemnized.

Licences for Solemnization of Marriages in Churches, &c. deemed to extend to any Place within the Limits of the Parish, licensed for the Performance of Divine Service while Church is under Repair, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Banns of Marriage proclaimed, and all Marriages solemnized according to the Provisions of this

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this Act, in any Place licensed as aforesaid, within the Limits of any Parish or Chapelry, during the Repair or Rebuilding of the Church or Chapel of such Parish or Chapelry, shall be considered as proclaimed and solemnized in the Church or Chapel of such Parish or Chapelry, and shall be so registered accordingly.

lemnized in such licensed Places, shall be considered as done in the Church of the Parish.

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