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CAP. XXVIII.

An Act to amend the Laws relative to Marriages celebrated by Roman Catholic Priests and Ministers not of the Established Church, in *Scotland*.

[25th *July* 1834.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Parliament of *Scotland* in the First Session of the First Parliament of King *Charles* the Second, intituled *Act against clandestine and unlawful Marriages;* and another Act was passed in the Seventh Session of the said First Parliament of King *William*, intituled *Act against clandestine and irregular Marriages:* And whereas by the said recited Acts, or One or other of them, Roman Catholic Priests, and other Ministers not of the Established Church of *Scotland*, celebrating Marriages, and Persons married by such Clergymen, in *Scotland*, are rendered liable to certain Punishments, Pains, and Penalties: And whereas it is expedient that the said Acts should be altered and amended: Be it therefore 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, so much of the said recited Acts as prohibits the Celebration of Marriages in *Scotland* by Roman Catholic Priests or other Ministers not belonging to the Established Church of *Scotland*, or imposes any Fine,

1 Parl. Car. 2. Sess. 1. c. 34. An. 1661. 1 Parl. Will. Sess. 7. c. 6. An. 1698.

So much of recited Acts as prohibits Marriages by Roman

Catholic Priests in Scotland repealed.

Fine, Pain, or Penalty on Persons so married, or on the Priests or Ministers celebrating such Marriages or marrying such Persons, shall be and it is hereby repealed.

Persons in Scotland may be married by Priests not of Established Church.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful to all Persons in *Scotland*, after due Proclamation of Banns there, to be married by Priests or Ministers not of the Established Church, and also for such Priests or Ministers to celebrate Marriages without being subject to any Punishment, Pains, or Penalty whatever; any thing in the said recited Acts, or in any other Act or Acts of Parliament, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Recited Acts to remain in force.

III. And be it enacted, That the said recited Acts shall, excepting in so far as the same have already been or are hereby repealed or altered, remain in full Force, Authority, and Effect.

Act may be altered this Session.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be amended, varied, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in the present Session of Parliament.

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