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CHAPTER 35.

An Act to provide further facilities for the marriage of officers, seamen, and marines borne on the books of any of His Majesty's ships during the continuance of the present war. [16th March 1915.]

A.D. 1915.

BE it 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 as follows:

Relaxation during the present war of the law as to the place where naval marriages may be solemnized.

1. Where, during the continuance of the present war, one of the parties to an intended marriage is an officer, seaman, or marine borne on the books of one of His Majesty's ships, and the parties to the intended marriage have duly fulfilled all the conditions required by law for enabling them to be married in any particular place of worship or in any particular district in the United Kingdom, then, if the officer, seaman, or marine obtains from the officer commanding the ship on whose books he is borne a certificate that owing to the exigencies of the public service the officer, seaman, or marine cannot be allowed to proceed to that place of worship or to that district, the marriage may be lawfully solemnized or contracted in any other building in the United Kingdom in which marriages may lawfully be solemnized or contracted, as though the parties thereto had duly fulfilled all the conditions required by law for enabling them to be married at that building: Provided that where apart from the above provision the marriage could not have been solemnized elsewhere than in a place of worship of a particular denomination, nothing in the said provision shall be construed as authorising the solemnization of the marriage elsewhere than in such place of worship.

Prolongation of the validity of certificates of publication of banns or notice of marriage.

2. Where, during the continuance of the present war, one of the parties to an intended marriage is an officer, seaman, or marine borne on the books of one of His Majesty's ships, any certificate of the publication or proclamation of banns or of notice of marriage issued for the purpose of the intended marriage shall, notwithstanding anything in any other Act,

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continue to be valid for twelve months, and the marriage may accordingly be lawfully solemnized or contracted at any time within those twelve months.

Construction and short title.

3.—(1) This Act shall be construed as one with the Naval Marriages Act, 1908..

8 Edw 7. c. 26.

(2) This Act may be cited as the Naval Marriages Act, 1915.

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