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CAP. II.

An Act for removing Doubts as to the Validity of certain Marriages between *British* Subjects at *Odessa*. [29th *March* 1867.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the Session of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Sixty-eight, and intituled *An Act for facilitating the Marriage of* British *Subjects resident in Foreign Countries*, Provision is made for solemnizing in Foreign Countries, or Places where there may be a *British* Consul duly authorized in that Behalf, Marriages between Persons both or one of whom are or is *British* Subjects or a *British* Subject: 12 & 13 Vict. c. 68.

And whereas certain Marriages have been solemnized at *Odessa* in the Empire of *Russia* by or in the Presence of *Eustace C. Grenville Murray* Esquire, Consul General, between Persons being both or one of them Subjects or a Subject of this Realm:

And whereas Doubts are entertained as to the Validity of certain of the said Marriages by reason of a Noncompliance by the Parties thereto with the Provisions of the said Act as to Residence:

And whereas such Noncompliance has arisen by reason of the Inadvertence of the Consul to the Provisions of the said Act, and not in consequence of any wilful Neglect or Default on the Part of the Parties to the said Marriages:

Be it therefore 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:

Legalization of certain Marriages at Odessa notwithstanding Noncompliance with recited Act.

1. All Marriages solemnized at *Odessa* previously to the passing of this Act by or in the Presence of the said *Eustace C. Grenville Murray* (both or one of the Parties to such Marriages being Subjects or a Subject of this Realm) shall, notwithstanding any Noncompliance with the Provisions of the said Act of the Session of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of Her present Majesty, Chapter Sixty-eight, be held to be as valid as if all the Provisions of the said Act had been duly complied with.

Evidence of Solemnization of Marriage.

2. Where in the Copy of the Entry of any Marriage certified as required by the said Act such Marriage purports to have been solemnized by or in the Presence of the said *Eustace C. Grenville Murray*, the Production of such Copy, or of any certified Copy thereof, shall be Evidence of such Marriage having been solemnized by or in the Presence of the said *Eustace C. Grenville Murray*.

Short Title.

3. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The *Odessa* Marriage Act, 1867."

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