

CHAPTER xxvi.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of A.D. 1906. His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State under the Provisional Order (Marriages) Act 1905.

[22nd June 1906.]

WHEREAS the Right Honourable Herbert John Gladstone one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State has made the Provisional Order set out in the Schedule hereunto annexed under the provisions of the Provisional Order (Marriages) 5 Edw. 7. Act 1905:

And whereas it is requisite that the said Order should be confirmed by Parliament:

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 as follows:—

- 1. The Order as set out in the schedule hereunto annexed Order in schedule is hereby confirmed.
- 2. This Act may be cited as the Provisional Order (Marriages) Short title. Confirmation Act 1906.

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SCHEDULE.

WHEREAS power is given to a Secretary of State by the Provisional Order (Marriages) Act 1905 in the case of marriages solemnized in England which appear to him to be invalid or of doubtful validity by reason of some informality to make a Provisional Order for the purpose of removing the invalidity or doubt:

And whereas the church of Saint Peter in the parish of Selsey in the county of Sussex and the diocese of Chichester was built and was duly consecrated for the performance of divine service on the 12th day of April 1866 and the church so built was intended to be substituted for the ancient parish church of the parish but it does not appear that any deed of substitution was in accordance with the provisions of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 70 and 19 & 20 Vict. c. 55 executed at the time:

And whereas a deed of substitution under the provisions of the Acts last above-mentioned was duly executed on the 25th day of February 1904:

And whereas divers marriages have nevertheless been solemnized in the said church during the period from the 12th day of April 1866 to the 25th day of February 1904:

And whereas the Saint Nun's Chapel Grampound in the parish of Creed in the county of Cornwall and the diocese of Truro was temporarily licensed for the publication of banns and the solemnization of marriages by the Bishop of the said diocese on the 2nd day of October 1879:

And whereas notwithstanding the fact that the Bishop's licence was only temporary divers marriages have nevertheless been solemnized in the said chapel from the date aforesaid up to and including the 24th day of December 1904:

And whereas it is expedient in the circumstances aforesaid to remove all doubts touching the validity of the marriages so solemnized in the said church and chapel:

Now therefore I the Right Honourable Herbert John Gladstone one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State in pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the said Provisional Order (Marriages) Act 1905 do hereby order that from and after the date of the Act of Parliament confirming this Order the following provisions shall have effect:—

1. All banns of matrimony and marriages published and solemnized during the period from the 12th day of April 1866 to the 25th day of February 1904 inclusive in the church of Saint Peter in the parish of

Selsey and during the period from the 2nd day of October 1879 till the 24th day of December 1904 inclusive in the Saint Nun's Chapel Grampound in the parish of Creed shall be and shall be deemed to have been as valid as if they had been published and solemnized in a church in which banns might be published and marriages solemnized lawfully.

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- 2. A minister who has solemnized any marriage referred to in the first paragraph of this Order shall not be liable to any proceedings for penalties whatsoever or to any ecclesiastical censure by reason of having solemnized the marriage.
- 3. The registers of the marriages so solemnized or copies of the registers shall be received in all courts as evidence of those marriages in the same manner as registers of marriages duly solemnized or copies thereof are by law receivable in evidence.

Given under my hand this 26th day of March 1906.

H. J. GLADSTONE.

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