



Marriages Confirmation Act 1825

1825 CHAPTER 92

An Act to render valid Marriages solemnized in. certain Churches and Public Chapels in which Banns have not usually been published. [5th July 1825]

WHEREAS since the making of an Act passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the better preventing Clandestine Marriages*, and since the making of an Act passed in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to render valid certain Marriages solemnized in certain Churches and Public Chapels in which Banns had not usually been published, before or at the Time of passing an Act made in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled 'An Act for better preventing Clandestine Marriages,'* divers Churches and Chapels have been erected and built within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England, Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, which have been duly consecrated, and divers Marriages have been solemnized therein since the passing of the said last-mentioned Act ; but by reason that in such Churches and Chapels Banns of Matrimony had not usually been published before or at the Time of passing the said first-mentioned Act, nor any Authority obtained for solemnizing Marriages therein under the Provisions of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for amending the Laws respecting the Solemnization of Marriages in England*, such Marriages have been or may be deemed to be void :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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,

Marriages which have been solemnized in Churches and Chapels erected since the recited Act 26 G. 2. c. 33. shall be good in Law as if solemnized in Parish Churches, &c.

That all Marriages already solemnized in any Church or Public Chapel in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England* and *Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, erected since the making of the said Act of the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Second, and consecrated, shall be as good and valid in Law as if such Marriages had been solemnized in Parish Churches or Public Chapels having

Chapelries annexed, and wherein Banns had usually been published, before or at the Time of passing the said first-mentioned Act.

II Marriages in future solemnized in such Churches, &c. shall be valid.

And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for Marriages to be in future solemnized in all Churches and Chapels erected since the passing of the said Act in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and consecrated, in which Churches and Chapels it has been customary and usual before the passing of this Act to solemnize Marriages; and all Marriages herein-after solemnized therein shall be as good and valid in Law as if such Marriages had been solemnized in Parish Churches or Public Chapels having Chapelries annexed, and wherein Banns had usually been published before or at the Time of passing the said Act.

III Registers of such Marriages Evidence.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Registers of Marriages solemnized, or to be solemnized, in the said Churches or Chapels, which are hereby enacted to be valid in Law, or Copies thereof, shall be received in all Courts of Law and Equity as Evidence of such Marriages, in the same Manner as the Registers of Marriages solemnized in Parish Churches or Public Chapels in which Banns were usually published before or at the Time of passing the said Act of the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Second, or Copies thereof, are received in Evidence; Provided nevertheless, that in all such Courts the same Objections shall be available to the receiving such Registers or Copies as Evidence, as would have been available to receiving the same as Evidence if such Registers or Copies had related to Marriages solemnized in such last-mentioned Parish Churches or Public Chapels as aforesaid.

IV Registers solemnized in Chapels where Banns had not been usually published before the Act 26 G.2 to be removed to the Parish Church.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Registers of all Marriages solemnized in any such Public Chapel where Banns had not been usually published before or at the Time of passing the said Act of the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Second, which Marriages are hereby enacted to be valid in Law, shall, within Three Months after the passing of this Act, be removed to the Parish Church of the Parish in which such Chapel shall be situated; and in case such Chapel shall be situated in an Extra-parochial Place, then to the Parish Church next adjoining to such Extra-parochial Place, to be kept with the Marriage Registers of such Parish, and in like Manner as Parish Registers are directed to be kept by the said Act of the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Second.