



**CHAPTER lxxxii.**

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

[29th July 1915.]

**W**HEREAS the Right Honourable Reginald McKenna one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State made the Provisional Order set out in the schedule hereunto annexed under the provisions of the Provisional Order (Marriages) Act 1905:

5 Edw. 7.  
c. 23.

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 is hereby confirmed.

Order in  
schedule  
confirmed.

2. This Act may be cited as the Provisional Order (Marriages) Confirmation Act 1915.

Short title.

A.D. 1915.

S C H E D U L E.

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 new church of All Saints and St. Mary in the parish of Chitterne All Saints in the County of Wilts and Diocese of Salisbury was built and was duly consecrated for the performance of divine service on the Fourth day of November One thousand eight hundred and sixty-two and the church so built was intended to be substituted for the ancient parish church of All Saints Chitterne but it does not appear that any deed of substitution in accordance with the provisions of 8 & 9 Vict. cap. 70 or 19 & 20 Vict. cap. 55 was executed until the Fifth day of November One thousand nine hundred and fourteen (being followed by a Faculty dated the Thirtieth day of December One thousand nine hundred and fourteen constituting the new church of All Saints and St. Mary the parish church of the united benefices of Chitterne All Saints and Chitterne St. Mary) or that the new church of All Saints and St. Mary had ever been licensed for the solemnization of marriages :

And whereas divers marriages had nevertheless been solemnized in the said church before the Thirtieth day of December One thousand nine hundred and fourteen :

And whereas the new church of St. Mary in the parish of Woodchester in the County of Gloucester and Diocese of Gloucester was built and was duly consecrated for the performance of divine service on the Twenty-fourth day of September One thousand eight hundred and sixty-three and the church so built was intended to be substituted for the ancient parish church of St. Mary Woodchester but it does not appear that any deed of substitution in accordance with the provisions of 8 and 9 Vict. cap. 70 or 19 and 20 Vict. cap. 55 was executed until the fifteenth day of October One thousand nine hundred and fourteen or that the new church of St. Mary had ever been licensed for the solemnization of marriages :

And whereas divers marriages had nevertheless been solemnized in the said church before the Fifteenth day of October One thousand nine hundred and fourteen :

And whereas the new church of St. Lawrence and All Saints in the parish of Steeple with Stanesgate in the County of Essex and Diocese of Chelmsford was built and was duly consecrated for the

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performance of divine service on the Twenty-fifth day of June One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four and the church so built was intended to be substituted for the ancient parish church of St. Lawrence and All Saints Steeple with Stanesgate but it does not appear that any deed of substitution in accordance with the provisions of 8 and 9 Vict. cap. 70 or 19 and 20 Vict. cap. 55 was executed until the Fifth day of November One thousand nine hundred and fourteen or that the new church of St. Lawrence and All Saints had ever been licensed for the solemnization of marriages : A.D. 1915.

And whereas divers marriages had nevertheless been solemnized in the said church before the Fifth day of November One thousand nine hundred and fourteen :

And whereas it is expedient in the circumstances aforesaid to remove all doubts touching the validity of marriages solemnized at the said churches of All Saints and St. Mary Chitterne St. Mary Woodchester and St. Lawrence and All Saints Steeple with Stanesgate :

Now therefore I the Right Honourable Reginald McKenna 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 on 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 before the Thirtieth day of December One thousand nine hundred and fourteen in the church of All Saints and St. Mary in the parish of Chitterne in the County of Wilts and Diocese of Salisbury shall be and shall be deemed to have been as valid as if they had been published and solemnized in a church in which such banns might be published and marriages solemnized lawfully.

2. All banns of matrimony and marriages published and solemnized before the Fifteenth day of October One thousand nine hundred and fourteen in the church of St. Mary in the parish of Woodchester in the County of Gloucester and Diocese of Gloucester shall be deemed to have been as valid as if they had been published and solemnized in a church in which such banns might be published and marriages solemnized lawfully.

3. All banns of matrimony and marriages published and solemnized before the Fifth day of November One thousand nine hundred and fourteen in the church of St. Lawrence and All Saints in the parish of Steeple with Stanesgate in the County of Essex and Diocese of Chelmsford shall be and shall be deemed to have been as valid as if they had been published and solemnized in a church in which such banns might be published and marriages solemnized lawfully.



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4. A minister who has solemnized any marriage referred to in the first second and third paragraphs of this Order shall not be liable to any proceedings for penalties whatsoever or to any ecclesiastical censure by reason of having solemnized the marriages.

5. 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 twelfth day of May one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

R. MCKENNA.  
One of His Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

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