

Act 57 Geo.
3 Cap. 14 con-
tinued.

“ Province ;” and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the said Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty George the Third, intituled, “ An Act to facilitate the Administration of Justice in certain Small Matters therein-mentioned in the Country Parishes,” and all matters and things therein-contained, shall further continue to be in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, and no longer.

C A P. XXV.

An Act to confirm certain Marriages heretofore solemnized in the District of St. Francis.

(22d. March, 1825.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS many Marriages have been had and solemnized by Protestant dissenting Ministers, by persons reputed to be Protestant dissenting Ministers, and by Justices of the Peace within the limits of the District of St. Francis ; And whereas it is expedient to prevent all doubts and questions concerning the validity of the same ; Be it therefore enacted by the King’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, “ An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ *An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North-America,*” and to make further provision for the Government of the said “ Province ;” And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that all Marriages heretofore had, and solemnized within the limits of the District of St. Francis, by any Protestant Dissenting Minister, by any Person reputed to be a Protestant Dissenting Minister, or by any Justice of the Peace, shall be adjudged, esteemed and taken to be, and to have been from the day of the celebration of such Marriages respectively, good and valid in Law, to all civil effects, and to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Certain Mar-
riages in the
District of St.
Francis con-
firmed.

Not to confirm
Marriages of
persons who
could not leg-
ally marry,
nor Marriages
since the pas-
sing of this
Act.

II. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed or taken to confirm any Marriage between persons who at the time of the celebration of such Marriage could not legally intermarry with each other, nor to confirm any Marriage which shall be celebrated after the passing of this Act.

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