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**An Act to confirm certain Marriages therein mentioned. (2d. May, 1804.)**

Whereas since the Conquest of this Province by the Arms of His Majesty, many Marriages have been had and solemnized by Ministers of the Church of Scotland, by Persons reputed to be Ministers of the Church of Scotland, by Protestant Dissenting Ministers, by Persons reputed to be Protestant Dissenting Ministers, and by Justices of the Peace; now for the preventing and avoiding of all doubts and questions touching the same: Be it therefore declared and 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 declared and enacted by the authority of the same, that all Marriages had or solemnized within the limits of this Province since the Thirteenth day of September which was in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine, by any Minister of the Church of Scotland, or by any Person reputed to be a Minister of the Church of Scotland, or by any Protestant Dissenting Minister, or by any Person reputed to be a Protestant Dissenting Minister or by any Justice of the Peace, shall be, and shall be adjudged, esteemed and taken to be and have been, from the day of the Celebration of such Marriages respectively, good and valid in Law to all Civil effects, intents and purposes whatsoever, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.