

*Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1845.* Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1845.

8 Victoria – Chapter 50 (1844)

**An Act for the relief of the Reverend Samuel D. Rice. Passed 13th April 1844.**

Whereas the Reverend Samuel D. Rice has made it appear by his Petition that he is a regularly ordained Wesleyan Minister in full connexion with the British Conference of Wesleyan Methodists originally established by the Reverend John Wesley, A. M., that he came to this Province when he was about four years of age, and has resided in the Province ever since; that his father has been naturalized; that he is by education and affection a British Subject, and has enjoyed the immunities of a British Subject; that by the first section of an Act made and passed in the fourth year of the Reign His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled *An Act to extend the privilege of solemnizing Marriage to all Ministers or Teachers of the several Religion Congregations in this Province*, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being is authorized, under certain provisions in the said Act contained, to licence the Ministers or Teachers of any Denomination Christians in this Province to solemnize Marriage, provided the Minister or Teacher applying for such Licence is a British born Subject not engaged in any secular calling: And whereas it is deemed just and equitable under the peculiar circumstances of his case, to enable His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, to licence the said Samuel D. Rice to solemnize Marriage in this Province, notwithstanding he was not a British born Subject, provided he conforms to all the provisions of the above recited Act;

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That, notwithstanding anything in the provisions of the said recited Act contained, that the Minister of Teacher applying for licence under the said Act shall be a British born Subject, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, shall have full power and authority, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to grant a Licence to the Reverend Samuel D. Rice to solemnize Marriage in this Province, which shall have the like force and effect in all respects as if the said Samuel D. Rice had been a British born Subject, anything in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the said Samuel D. Rice complying with all the other provisions of the said recited Act.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not come into operation or be in force until Her Majesty's Royal approbation be thereunto had and declared.

*[This Act was specially enacted, ratified and confirmed by Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated 3d September, 1844, and published and declared in the Province on the 25th day of September, 1844.]*