



CHAPTER lviii.

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. A.D. 1923.
[18th July 1923.]

WHEREAS the Right Honourable William Clive Bridgeman 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 1923. Short title.

[Ch. lviii.] *Provisional Order* [13 & 14 GEO. 5.]
(*Marriages*) *Confirmation Act, 1923.*

A.D. 1923.

SCHEDULE.

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 between the first day of October one thousand nine hundred and eight and the twelfth day of July one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two certain marriages have taken place in the Congregational Church Five Oak Green Capel in the registration district of Tonbridge in the county of Kent notwithstanding that this church was not until the twelfth day of July one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two registered as a place in which marriages might be solemnized :

And whereas the parish churches of Saxthorpe and Corpusty in the county of Norfolk and diocese of Norwich used to be places where marriages of persons resident within the respective parishes of Saxthorpe and Corpusty could legally be solemnized :

And whereas the said parishes were united by Order in Council dated the tenth day of August one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one and the church of Saxthorpe was declared to be the parish church for the united parishes :

And whereas it is believed that before the date of the union on the tenth day of August one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one divers banns of matrimony and marriages of persons resident without the parish of Saxthorpe may have been published or solemnized as the case may be in the said church of Saxthorpe and likewise divers banns of matrimony and marriages of persons resident without the parish of Corpusty may have been published or solemnized as the case may be in the said church of Corpusty :

And whereas it is expedient in the circumstances aforesaid to remove all doubts touching the validity of the marriages solemnized as aforesaid in the Congregational Church Five Oak Green Capel and in the parish churches of Saxthorpe and Corpusty :

Now therefore I the Right Honourable William Clive Bridgeman 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

[13 & 14 GEO. 5.] *Provisional Order* [Ch. Iviii.]
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the date of the Act of Parliament confirming this Order the following provisions shall have effect :— A.D. 1923.

- (1) All marriages solemnized between the first day of October one thousand nine hundred and eight and the twelfth day of July one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two in the Congregational Church Five Oak Green Chapel in the registration district of Tonbridge in the county of Kent shall be and shall be deemed to have been as valid as if the said marriages had been duly solemnized in a building registered for the solemnization of marriages ;
- (2) All banns of matrimony and marriages of persons resident without the parish of Saxthorpe published or solemnized as the case may be before the tenth day of August one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one in the parish of Saxthorpe and all banns of matrimony and marriages of persons resident without the parish of Corpusty published or solemnized as the case may be before the tenth day of August one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one in the parish of Corpusty 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 ;
- (3) A minister who has solemnized any marriage referred to in the first and second 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 ;
- (4) 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 twenty-seventh day of April one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

(L.S.)

W. C. BRIDGEMAN
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

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