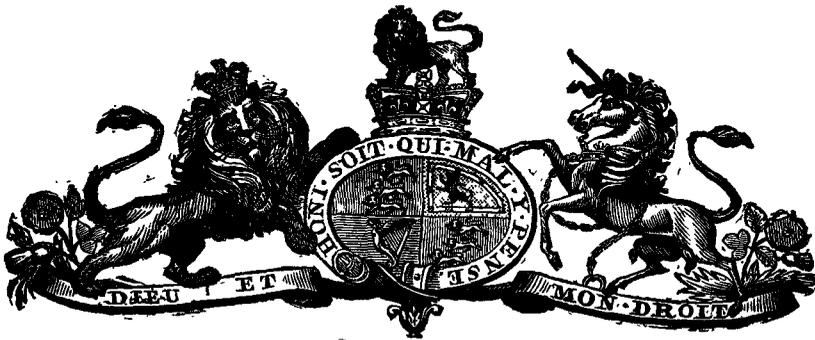


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AN ACT for removing Doubts as to the Validity of certain Marriages solemnized in the Province of Canterbury. [31st August, 1874.]

WHEREAS by "The Marriage Act, 1854," and "The Marriage Act Amendment Act, 1858," provision is made for the regulation of the solemnization of marriages in New Zealand: And whereas certain marriages have been solemnized in the Province of Canterbury by the Reverend John Foulger, of Saint James's Church, at Cust, in the said province: And whereas doubts are entertained as to the validity of certain of the said marriages by reason of a non-compliance by the parties thereto with the provisions of the said Acts as to notice to the Registrar of such marriages, and obtaining the Registrar's certificate for such marriages: And whereas such non-compliance has arisen by reason of the inadvertence of the parties to the said marriages and of the said Reverend John Foulger, to the provisions of the said Acts, and not in consequence of any wilful neglect or default on the part of the said parties to the said marriages:

BE IT THEREFORE DECLARED AND ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Canterbury Marriages Act, 1874."

2. All marriages solemnized in the Province of Canterbury previously to the passing of this Act, by or in the presence of the

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Legalization of marriages at St. James's

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Church, Cust, notwithstanding non-compliance with provisions of the Marriage Acts.

Reverend John Foulger, shall, notwithstanding any non-compliance with the provisions of "The Marriage Act, 1854," or "The Marriage Act Amendment Act, 1858," be held to be as valid as if all the formalities required by any of the provisions of the said Acts had been duly observed and complied with: Provided that nothing herein contained shall legalize any marriage in respect to which a lawful impediment existed at the time of such marriage.

Evidence of marriage.

3. Where in the register of any marriage registered in the manner required by "The Marriage Act Amendment Act, 1858," such marriage purports to have been solemnized in the Province of Canterbury by or in the presence of the said Reverend John Foulger as the officiating minister, the production of such register or of any duly certified copy thereof or any extract therefrom shall be admitted as evidence of such marriage, notwithstanding that a Registrar's certificate for the marriage as required by "The Marriage Act, 1854," had not been previously to such marriage or at any time delivered to the said Reverend John Foulger, or had not been obtained, and such register and certified copy thereof or extract therefrom shall be of the like force and effect as such register copy or extract would have been if all the formalities required by the said Acts had in respect of the said marriage been complied with.

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