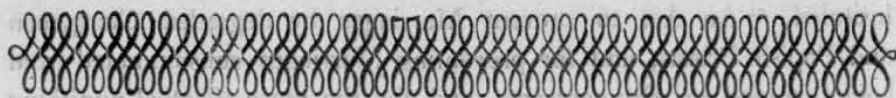


17 June 1835.



(Ireland.)

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To repeal certain Penal Enactments made in the Parliament of Ireland against Roman Catholic Clergymen, for celebrating Marriages contrary to the Provisions of certain Acts made in the Parliament of Ireland.

[Note.—The Words printed in *Italics* are proposed to be inserted in the Committee.]

WH **H**EREBY Roman Catholic Clergymen were by certain Acts of the Parliament of Ireland rendered liable to punishment, pains and penalties for celebrating Marriages contrary to the provisions thereof, to which punishment, pains and penalties no other Clergymen or Ministers are liable: And whereas it is expedient to amend the Law in this respect; **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, That so much of the following Acts made in the Parliament of Ireland, (that is to say) of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of Queen ANNE, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual preventing the taking away and marrying Children against the Will of their Parents or Guardians;" also of an Act passed in the twelfth year of the reign of King GEORGE the First, intituled, "An Act to prevent Marriages by degraded Clergymen and Popish Priests, and for preventing Marriages consummated from being avoided by Pre-contracts, and for the more effectual preventing of Bigamy;" also of an Act passed in the twenty-third year of the reign of King GEORGE the Second, intituled, "An Act for explaining and making more effectual an Act, intituled, 'An Act for the more effectual preventing Clandestine Marriages;'" and another Act passed in the twelfth year of his late Majesty's reign,

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intituled, "An Act to prevent Marriages by degraded Clergymen and Popish Priests, and for preventing Marriages consummated from being avoided by Pre-contracts, and for the more effectual punishing of Bigamy;" also of an Act passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of King GEORGE the Third, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of his Majesty's Popish or Roman Catholic Subjects of Ireland," as contains any special penal enactment against a Roman Catholic Clergyman celebrating Marriage contrary to the said Act, or as declares or enacts that any Roman Catholic Clergyman who shall celebrate any Marriage between two Protestants, or reputed Protestants, or between a Protestant or reputed Protestant and a Roman Catholic, shall be guilty of Felony, and suffer Death as a Felon, without benefit of Clergy, or of the Statute, or as enacts and declares that any Roman Catholic Clergyman who shall celebrate any Marriage between two Protestants, or between any such Protestant and Papist, unless such Protestant and Papist shall have been first married by a Clergyman of the Protestant religion, shall forfeit the sum of Five hundred Pounds to his Majesty upon conviction thereof, shall from and after the *passing of this Act*, be Repealed, and that so much and such parts only of the said recited Acts are hereby Repealed.

Act not to render valid any Marriage already declared void, nor to authorize Roman Catholic Clergy to celebrate any unlawful Marriage.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to render valid any Marriage which by the provisions of the said recited Acts or any of them are rendered null and void, nor extend to authorize or enable any Roman Clergyman to celebrate any Marriage which it would have been unlawful for such Clergyman to celebrate before the *passing of this Act*, nor extend to any proceeding, criminal or civil, commenced before the *passing of this Act*, and that nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal so much of any of the said recited Acts as expressly or by implication repeals any former Act or Acts, nor to revive or recognize any enactment as being in force at the time of the *passing of this Act*, which by any Act heretofore made, was expressly or by implication repealed or altered.



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