
BILL to enable regularly ordained Ministers of the associate Synod of Scotland to keep Registers authenticated in due form of law.

WHEREAS certain Members of the Presbyterian Congregations in the Parishes of St. Andrews and of La Chute, in the seigniorie of Argenteuil, have by there petition to the legislature prayed that their Ministers may be duly authorized to solemnize marriages administer baptism and inter the dead and to keep registers authenticated in due form of law for that purpose, and whereas it is equitable that these privileges should be extended to them and to other regularly ordained Ministers of the associate Synod of Scotland: Be it therefore 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 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 enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for every regularly ordained Minister of the associate Synod of Scotland, having a permanent and fixed Congregation, to obtain, have and keep (subject always to the penalties by law in this behalf provided,) registers only authenticated according to law, of all such marriages, baptisms and burials as may be performed or take place under the Ministry of such Minister or Clergyman: and which registers (the necessary legal formalities as by law already provided in relation to registers of the like nature being observed) shall to all intents and purposes have the same effect in law as if the same had been kept by any Minister in this Province of the established Church of England or of Scotland any law to the contrary notwithstanding.