
BILL.

An Act for the relief of George Branford Cox.

- W**HEREAS George Branford Cox, of the town of Goderich, in the County of Huron, and Province of Ontario, in the Dominion of Canada, gentleman, hath, by his petition, humbly set forth that, on the fourteenth day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, he was lawfully married to Emily Cox; that they lived and cohabited together as husband and wife up to about the tenth day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, when the said Emily Cox refused to live with the said George Branford Cox; that the said Emily Cox afterwards, to wit, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, went to the United States of America, and there lived in a state of adultery with a certain person named in the evidence; that the said George Branford Cox discovered that she had been leading an irregular life; that the said Emily Cox has ever since continued to live apart from the said George Branford Cox, and that the said Emily Cox has, by her conduct, dissolved the bonds of matrimony on her part; and whereas the said George Branford Cox has humbly prayed that the said marriage may be dissolved so as to enable him to marry again, and that such further relief may be afforded him as may be deemed fit; and, whereas the said George Branford Cox has proved the allegations of his said petition, and has established the adultery above mentioned, and it is expedient that the prayer of the said petitioner should be granted: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—
- 30 **1.** The said marriage between the said George Branford Cox and Emily Cox, his said wife, is hereby dissolved, and is and shall be henceforth null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever. His marriage annulled.
- 35 **2.** The said George Branford Cox may at any time hereafter marry any woman whom he might lawfully marry in case the said marriage with Emily Cox had not been solemnized. He may marry again.
- 40 **3.** In case of the said George Branford Cox hereafter marrying any woman whom it would have been lawful for him to marry, if the said George Branford Cox and Emily Cox had not intermarried, and of there being any issue born to him of such subsequent marriage, the said issue so born, His rights and his children's rights in such case.