



ANNO TRICESIMO-SECUNDO ET TRICESIMO-TERTIO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. LXXV.

An Act for the relief of John Horace Stevenson.

[Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, 22nd June, 1869; Royal Assent given by Her Majesty in Council on the 7th October, 1869; Proclamation thereof made by His Excellency the Governor General on the 20th November, 1869.]

WHEREAS John Horace Stevenson, of the City of Toronto, Preamble.
in the County of York, Merchant, late of the Town of Napanee, in the County of Lennox and Addington, hath by his petition humbly set forth, that on the twenty-second day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, he was married to Mary Elizabeth Foote (now called Mary Elizabeth Perry), and such marriage was solemnized at the private residence of Benjamin Foote, the Father of the said Mary Elizabeth Foote, at the said Town of Napanee, then the Village of Napanee, according to the rites of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada; that at the time of such marriage he was a minor under the age of twenty-one years, being then in his seventeenth year, and was inveigled into the said marriage, not knowing fully the effect and importance of the same; that the said marriage was by license and performed without the knowledge or consent and contrary to the wish of his Father, who was then alive, and resided in Napanee aforesaid; that about the time the said marriage ceremony was being performed, his Father became acquainted with the fact, and made every endeavor in his power to prevent the same, but the said ceremony had been performed before he had an opportunity to interfere; that he and the said Mary Elizabeth Foote were separated by his Father immediately after the said marriage ceremony, and have lived separate ever since, and the said marriage was never consummated by co-habitation; that in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, the said Mary Elizabeth Foote became engaged to be married to one John F. Perry, to whom she was subsequently married (so far as it was possible) in the State of New York, one of the United States of America, but when, by whom, or at what particular place, the said petitioner has been unable to ascertain; that