

criminal conversation with the said Emma Catherine Lawrence, with a view to an application to the Legislature for a divorce, and hath humbly prayed that the said marriage might be dissolved so as to enable the said William Henry Beresford, to marry again, and that he might have such other relief as might be thought fit ; And whereas, the said William Henry Beresford hath made proofs of the facts above recited and it is expedient that the prayer of the said petitioner should be granted ; Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intitled, "*An act to reunite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada,*" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the said marriage between the said William Henry Beresford and the said Emma Catherine Lawrence his wife shall be henceforth null and void, and the same is hereby declared adjudged and enacted to be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Marriage between W. H. Beresford and E. C. Lawrence his wife declared null.

Permission to each of them to marry again.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the said William Henry Beresford and the said Emma Catherine Lawrence respectively, at any time hereafter to contract matrimony and to marry with any other woman or man with whom either of them might lawfully marry in case the said marriage had not been solemnized.

Issue of any such marriage, to be legitimate.

III. And bet it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in case of the said William Henry Beresford and the said Emma Catherine Lawrence, or either of them, again contracting matrimony with any person or persons with whom it would have been lawful for them to contract matrimony, if they the said William Henry Beresford and Emma Catherine Lawrence had not intermarried, and have any issue born to them or either of them, that the said issue so born shall be and are hereby declared to be to all intents and purposes legitimate, and that the rights of them the said issue and each of them and of their respective heirs as respects their and each of their capacity to inherit, have, hold, enjoy and transmit all and all manner of property real or personal of what nature or kind soever from any person or persons whomsoever shall be and remain the same as they would have been to all intents and purposes whatsoever if the marriage between the said William Henry Beresford and Emma Catherine Lawrence had never taken place.