

THEREFORE Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Marriage dissolved.

I. The said Marriage between the said Miles B. Stennett and Laura E. Steele his wife, shall from henceforth be null and void, and the same is hereby declared, adjudged and enacted, to be null and void, to all intents and purposes whatsoever. 5

Miles B. Stennett may marry again but Laura E. Steele may not.

II. It shall and may be lawful for the said Miles B. Stennett, at any time hereafter to intermarry with any other woman with whom he might lawfully marry in case the said marriage had not been solemnized, but it shall not be lawful for the said Laura E. Stennett (formerly Steele) to intermarry with any other person during the lifetime of the said Miles B. Stennett. 10

Issue of marriage declared legitimate.

III. Nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend, to affect the legitimacy of Lucy Cummings Stennett, issue of the said Miles B. Stennett and his said wife Laura E. Steele, but the said Lucy Cummings Stennett is to all intents and purposes legitimate, and her rights and the rights of her heirs, as respects their and each of their capacity to inherit, have, hold, 15 enjoy and transmit, all and all manner of property, real or personal, of what nature or kind soever, shall remain the same as they would have remained to all intents and purposes as if this Act had not been passed.

Issue of future marriage of Miles B. Stennett will be legitimate.

IV. Provided always, that in case the said Miles B. Stennett shall intermarry with any person or persons with whom it would have been lawful for him to 20 contract matrimony if he the said Miles B. Stennett had not intermarried with the said Laura E. Steele, and have issue born to him, the said issue so born shall be and are hereby declared to be to all intents and purposes legitimate, and 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 25 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, as if the marriage between the said Miles B. Stennett and Laura E. Steele had never taken place.

Proviso;

V. Provided also that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to 30 extend to invalidate any act, matter or thing by the said Laura E. Stennett (formerly Steele) lawfully done during the period of her coverture, and before the said first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

Public Act.

VI. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.