
BILL.

An Act for the Relief of Catherine Morrison.

WHEREAS Catherine Morrison, of the City of Ottawa, in Preamble.
the County of Carleton and Province of Ontario, wife
of John F. Morrison, hath, by her petition, humbly set forth
that, on the fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one
5 thousand eight hundred and eighty, she was lawfully mar-
ried to the said John F. Morrison, at the City of Montreal,
in the Province of Quebec, according to the rites and cer-
monies of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection
with the Church of Scotland; that the said marriage was by
10 license; that three children were born of said marriage, of
whom one only, Catherine Margaret Morrison, survives;
that the said Catherine Morrison and John F. Morrison
lived and cohabited together as husband and wife from the
date of such marriage up to about the first day of January,
15 one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, when the
said Catherine Morrison, owing to cruel assaults on her per-
son by the said John F. Morrison, was obliged to withdraw
from his residence and to reside with her father; that subse-
quently, becoming reconciled, the said Catherine Morrison
20 and the said John F. Morrison again lived and cohabited to-
gether as man and wife from about the first day of April,
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, up to the
ninth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-seven; that during said interval the said John F. Mor-
25 rison was much addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors and
was accustomed to cruelly assault and otherwise ill-treat the
said Catherine Morrison; that on said last mentioned day the
said John F. Morrison deserted the said Catherine Morrison
and, whilst he was married as aforesaid, on said last men-
30 tioned day at the said City of Ottawa, feloniously and
unlawfully did marry and take to wife one Maria Sullivan,
against the form of the Statute in that case made and pro-
vided, and subsequently did commit adultery with the said
Maria Sullivan, both at the City of Ottawa, and in the
35 County of Carleton; that subsequently the said John F.
Morrison was duly convicted of said felony by a court of
competent jurisdiction holden at Ottawa aforesaid, and
sentenced to a term of penal servitude of two years with hard
labor, which sentence he is now undergoing; that the said
40 Catherine Morrison made the discovery of the said adultery
about the eleventh day of June, one thousand eight
hundred and eighty-seven, and has never cohabited with
her said husband since, but has since lived apart from him;
and that the said Catherine Morrison is desirous of having
45 the said marriage dissolved, annulled and put an end to, so