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BILL.

An Act for the Divorce of Miles B. Stennett from Laura E. Steele.

WHEREAS Miles B. Stennett, now of the City of Hamilton, in the County of Preamble.
Wentworth, Surgeon Dentist, hath by his Petition humbly set forth, that he and Laura E. Steele, on the thirteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, intermarried, at the Township of Georgina, in the then
5 Home District, in the now County of York, in that part of this Province formerly Upper Canada; that the said internarrriage was duly solemnized according to the laws of this Province, and that he and the said Laura E. Steele thence continued to live together as husband and wife for a considerable period of time; that at and previous to the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, he and
10 the said Laura E. Steele were resident at the Village of Kemptville, in the then Johnstown-District, the now United Counties of Leeds and Grenville; that on or about the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, the said Laura E. Steele, without his knowledge, consent, or privity, left him and abandoned her said home, and departed from this Province into the State of New York, one of
15 the United States of America, and disregarding her marriage vow, thereupon committed adultery at divers times and places, and with divers persons; and especially between the second day of May and the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, with one Augustus Brandon, at Oglensburg, in the County of St. Lawrence, and in the said State of New York, and that she the said Laura E.
20 Steele, at divers times and places, committed adultery with the then Reverend Harvey McAlpine, at Kemptville aforesaid, and at divers times between the first day of June and the first day of July last, at Morristown, in the said State of New York; that the said Miles B. Stennett forthwith on the discovery of the said adultery of the said Laura E. Steele, commenced proceedings in the Supreme Court
25 of the said State of New York, against her for the purpose of obtaining a Divorce *a vinculo matrimonii* of and from her, and that thereupon at a Special Term of the said Court, holden on the seventeenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, it was adjudged by the said Court that the marriage between him and the said Laura E. Steele should be, and the same was thereby dissolved, and that the said
30 Miles B. Stennett and Laura E. Steele should be respectively freed from the obligations thereof, and that it should be lawful for the said Miles B. Stennett to marry again in the same manner as though the said Laura E. Steele were actually dead, but that it should not be lawful for the said Laura E. Steele to marry again until he the said Miles B. Stennett was dead; and that the said Laura E. Steele hath ever since
35 the said second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, continued to live apart from the said Miles B. Stennett; and whereas he the said Miles B. Stennett hath humbly prayed that he might be divorced by the Parliament of this Province *a vinculo matrimonii* from his said wife;

AND WHEREAS the said Miles B. Stennett hath made proof of the facts above
40 recited, and it is expedient that the prayer of the said Petitioner should be granted;