
BILL.

An Act for the relief of Mary Matilda White.

WHEREAS Mary Matilda White, of the Village of Port Preamble.
Dover, in the County of Norfolk, Province of Ontario,
wife of David Crystal White, of the same place, teacher, hath,
by her petition, humbly set forth that, on the twenty-fifth
5 day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two,
she was married in fact, but not in law, to the said David
Crystal White; that they lived and cohabited together as
husband and wife, but that the said David Crystal White
never consummated the said marriage; that at the time of the
10 celebration of the pretended marriage, the said David Crystal
White was, by reason of his frigidity and impotence, or
malformation of the parts, legally incompetent to enter into
the contract of marriage, and that the said frigidity and
impotence or malformation of the parts is wholly incurable
15 by art or skill; and whereas the said Mary Matilda White
also sets forth in her said petition that in or about the year
one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, she being
pressed and importuned by the said David Crystal White so
to do, gave to him a large sum of money for the purpose of
20 enabling him to purchase lot number thirty-seven, West St.
Andrew's street, in the Village of Port Dover, in the said
County of Norfolk, and that the said David Crystal White
did purchase the said lot and took a conveyance thereof in
his own name; and whereas the said Mary Matilda White
25 has humbly prayed that an Act be passed declaring the said
pretended form or ceremony of marriage had between her
and the said David Crystal White, void and of no effect in
law, and that she be freed from all bond of marriage with
the said David Crystal White, and that the said David
30 Crystal White be directed to convey to the said petitioner
for her maintenance and support the said lot number thirty-
seven, West St. Andrew's street, in the Village of Port Dover
aforesaid, and that, until the making and approval of a deed
of conveyance, the said Act if passed may be registered in
35 the registry office for the said County of Norfolk, and that
such registration should have the same force and effect as
the registration of an order or decree of the High Court of
Justice for Ontario; and whereas the said Mary Matilda
White has proved the allegations of her said petition, and it
40 is expedient that the prayer of the said petitioner should be
granted: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice
and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada,
enacts as follows:—