

of the comforts of matrimony, and was liable to have a spurious issue imposed upon him unless the said marriage should be declared null and void, and hath humbly prayed, that the said marriage might be dissolved so as to enable him to marry again, and that he might have such other relief as might be thought fit; And whereas the said John McLean hath made proofs of the adultery above recited, and it is expedient that the prayer of the said Petition should be granted: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Marriage annulled.

1. The said marriage between the said John McLean and Diana Hewgill, his wife, shall be henceforth null and void, to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

McLean may marry again.

2. It shall and may be lawful for the said John McLean, at any time hereafter, to contract matrimony, and to marry with any other woman with whom he might lawfully marry in case the said marriage had not being solemnized.

Issue of any such new marriage to be legitimate, &c.

3. In case of the said John McLean again contracting matrimony with any person or persons with whom it would have been lawful for him to contract matrimony if they, the said John McLean and Diana Hewgill, had not intermarried, and having any 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 of 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 John McLean and Diana Hewgill had not taken place.

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