
Bill (from the Legislative Council) for removing doubts respecting the construction of a certain part of the Act of the 35th year of the Reign of His late Majesty Geo. III, Cap. 4, intituled, "An Act to establish the forms of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, to confirm and make valid in Law the Register of the Protestant Congregation of Christ Church, Montreal, and others which may have been informally kept, and to afford the means of remedying omissions in former Registers," as also for removing doubts about the validity of certain Marriages herein mentioned.

WHEREAS the Act passed in the thirty fifth year of the Reign of His late Majesty George the Third, Chapter fourth, intituled, "An Act to establish the forms of *Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials*, to confirm and make valid in Law the *Register of the Protestant Congregation of Christ Church, Montreal, and others*, which may have been informally kept and to afford the means of remedying omissions in former Registers" has been productive of beneficial effects but doubts have arisen upon the construction of the following words therein, that is to say; "And also in each of the Protestant Churches and Congregations within this Province, there shall be kept by the Rector, Curate, Vicar or other Priest, or Minister doing the Parochial or Clerical duty thereof:" And it is proper and necessary that such doubts should be removed: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North-America;*" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same that the Registers to be kept as, by the abovesaid Act, is directed shall be so kept by a Rector, Curate, Vicar or other Priest, or Minister officiating in Communion with the Church of England or of Scotland or of Rome: And such Registers shall also be kept by every Priest or Minister, so officiating in this Province, as a Missionary or otherwise, whether in a Parish regularly constituted