## STATUTES,

OF

## Apper Canada,

PASSED IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE ELEVENTH PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

MET AT YORK ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF JANUARY 1851, AND PROROGUED ON THE SIX-TEENTH DAY OF MARCH, IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

WILLIAM IV.

SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K.C.B. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

ANNO DOMINI 1831.

CHAP. I.

AN ACT to make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the future Solemnization of Matrimony in this Province.

(The Royal Assent to this Bill was signified, by Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to the Legislative Council and Assembly of this Province on the Second day of March, 1831.)

WHEREAS doubts have arisen respecting the legality of certain Marriages heretofore Contracted and Solemnized in this Province; and Preamble. whereas the Parties thereto, and their Issue, may be subject to disabilities unless such Marriages be confirmed by Law, in order therefore to afford relief to such persons, and establish the Legitimacy of their issue—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 Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under