
BILL.

An Act for the relief of Suzan Ash.

WHEREAS Dame Suzan Ash, of the City of Montreal, Preamble.
in the Province of Quebec, wife of William Manton,
formerly of the City of Kingston, in the Province of Ontario,
but now of parts unknown in the United States of America,
5 hath by her petition humbly set forth, that on the twenty-
fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-
eight, she was lawfully married to the said William Manton ;
that they lived and co-habited together as husband and
wife until about the fourth day of September, one thousand
10 eight hundred and sixty-eight; that on or about the said
fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-
eight, owing to the said William Manton's conduct it be-
came impossible for her to continue to live with the said
William Manton as his wife ; that on the thirteenth day of
15 said William Manton without the knowledge or consent of
the said Suzan Ash, and without collusion or connivance on
her part, obtained a decree of divorce in the Supreme Judi-
cial Court in the County of Suffolk, in the State of Massa-
chusetts, one of the United States of America, and that
20 shortly thereafter, to wit, on the third day of September,
one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, went through
the form of marriage with one Mary Ford Hatch ; that the
said William Manton, since his pretended marriage with
the said Mary Ford Hatch, has lived and co-habited
25 with her ; that no issue was born of the marriage between
the said William Manton and the said Suzan Ash ; and
whereas the said Suzan Ash has humbly prayed that the
said marriage may be dissolved, and be declared henceforth
null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever ; and
30 that it may be declared and enacted lawful for the said
Suzan Ash at any time hereafter to marry any other man
whom she might lawfully have married in case said marri-
age had not been solemnized ; and that it may be declared
and enacted that in the event of the said Suzan Ash here-
35 after marrying she and the man she so marries, and the
issue, if any, of any such marriage, shall have and possess
the same rights in every respect as if the marriage with the
said William Manton had never been solemnized ; and
whereas it is expedient that the prayer of the said petition
40 should be granted ; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with
the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Com-
mons of Canada, enacts as follows :—