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An Act to amend Chapter 72 of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, intituled "An Act respecting Marriages in Upper Canada."

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Mr. W. F. POWELL.

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An Act to amend Chapter Seventy-two of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, intituled "An Act respecting Marriages in Upper Canada."

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The first section of Chapter Seventy-two of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, shall be amended by adding to the end of said section the following provisions, which shall make part of the said Act: "The marriage or marriages of all persons not being under any canonical disqualification to contract matrimony, which marriages had been publicly contracted in Upper Canada, before any Minister or Ministers who was or were, prior to the passing of the Act of Upper Canada, 11th Geo. 4th, Chapter Thirty-six, allowed to solemnize matrimony before having obtained, and without such Minister had obtained, a license from the Quarter Sessions under the said Act, or a certificate from the Registrar of the said County, under the Act of Canada, 10th and 11th Victoria, Chapter Eighteen, are hereby declared to have been valid, and shall be considered as good and valid in law, and the parties to such marriages, and the issue thereof, shall be entitled to all the rights, and subject to all the obligations arising from such marriages, and the consanguinity resulting therefrom: any law, or usage, or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding."

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