

No. XXVIII.

MARRIAGES
CONFIRMATION.

**An Act for the confirmation of certain Marriages
in the Colony of New South Wales. [1st
October, 1850.]**

Preamble.

All Marriages
solemnized before
passing of this Act
by Presbyterian or
other Protestant
Ministers to be as
valid as Marriages
solemnized by Cler-
gymen of the United
Church of England
and Ireland.

Proviso as to certain
Marriages.

Proviso as to acts
under authority of
any Court.

WHEREAS Marriages have in certain instances been had and celebrated in New South Wales by Presbyterian and other Protestant Ministers or those who at the time of such Marriages had been such between persons being of the same or different religious persuasions And whereas doubts are entertained as to the validity of such Marriages and it is expedient to remove such doubts and to confirm such Marriages Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof That all Marriages had and celebrated in New South Wales and its Dependencies before the passing of this Act by Presbyterian or other Protestant Ministers or by those who at the time of such Marriages had been such shall be and shall be adjudged and taken to have been and to be of the same force and effect in law as if such Marriages had been had and duly solemnized by Clergymen of the United Church of England and Ireland and of no other force or effect whatsoever.

2. Provided always and be it enacted That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to or affect any Marriage deemed invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction before the passing of this Act nor any Marriage where either of the parties shall at any time afterwards during the life of the other party have lawfully intermarried with any other person nor any Marriage respecting which any criminal prosecution shall be depending at the time of the passing of this Act.

3. Provided further and be it enacted That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to or affect any act done before the passing of this Act under the authority of any Court or in the administration of any personal estate or effects or the execution of any will or testament or the performance of any trust.