



ANNO SEPTIMO ET OCTAVO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 4.—1844.

*By His Excellency George Grey, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Province of South Australia and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council.*

**AN ORDINANCE to Regulate Roman Catholic Marriages in South Australia.**

**W**HEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty intituled "An Act for regulating Marriages in the Province of South Australia" and whereas no special provision was made in the said Act for such Marriages as may be celebrated by Roman Catholic Priests according to the usages and forms of the Roman Catholic Church: And whereas it is expedient to make special provision for such Marriages: Preamble.

Be it therefore Enacted by His Excellency the Governor of South Australia with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof: That all Marriages before the passing and publication of this Ordinance had and solemnized in this Province by any Roman Catholic Priest shall be valid, anything to the contrary in the before-recited Act notwithstanding. Marriages solemnized by Roman Catholic Priests heretofore, to be of full force.

II. And be it Enacted that all the provisions of the before-recited Act 5th Vict. No. 12 intituled "An Act for regulating Marriages in the Province of South Australia," which are applicable to Marriages celebrated by Clergymen of the United Church of England and Ireland, when celebrated according to the usages and forms of their Such Marriages hereafter, between persons one or both being of the Roman Catholic Church to be valid.

their Church, whether by banns licences dispensations or otherwise, shall henceforth also be applicable to all Marriages between persons both or one of such persons being members or a member of, or holding communion with the Roman Catholic Church, celebrated by Roman Catholic Priests, when celebrated according to the usages and forms of the Roman Catholic Church, whether by banns licences dispensations or otherwise, and that such Marriages shall be and shall be adjudged esteemed and taken to be of the same force and effect in Law as, and no other than, if such Marriage were had and solemnized by a Clergyman of the United Church of England and Ireland according to the forms and usages of that Church.

GEORGE GREY,

Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

*Passed the Legislative Council, this Twenty-fourth day of February, 1844.*

W. L. O'HALLORAN,

Clerk of Council.