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An Act to amend the Acts relating to Marriages in the Province of South Australia, by extending certain provisions thereof to persons professing with the Society of Friends, called Quakers.

[Assented to, 21st October, 1862.]

THEREAS by an Act passed in the fifth year of the Preamble. reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for regulating Marriages in the Province of South Australia;" and by another Act passed in the sixteenth year of the reign of Her said Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the Law of Marriage in the Province of South Australia," it was enacted that the Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, might continue to contract and solemnize marriage according to the usages of the said Society, and every such marriage was thereby declared and confirmed good in law, provided that the parties to the said marriage were both of the said Society, provided also that notice to the Deputy-Registrar should have been given, and the Deputy-Registrar's certificate should have issued in manner therein provided: And whereas it is expedient to extend and amend the said recited provisions, in manner hereinafter mentioned—Be it therefore Enacted, by the Governor-in-Chief of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said Province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. Marriages may be contracted and solemnized according to the Marriages according usages of the said Society of Friends in the Province of South Australia, not only in cases provided for by the said recited provisions, authorized in certain

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but also in cases where one only or where neither of the parties to the marriage shall be a member of the said Society: Provided always, that no person who is not a member of the said Society shall be married according to the usages thereof, unless he or she shall be authorized thereto under or in pursuance of some general rule or rules of the said Society in England or in the said Province; and a copy of such general rule or rules, purporting to be signed by the Recording Clerk for the time being of the said Society in London or in Adelaide, shall be filed in the office of the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, in the said Province, and a certified copy thereof shall be admitted as evidence of such general rule or rules in proceedings touching the validity of any such marriage.

Enactments now in force extended.

2. All the enactments now in force, whether contained in the said recited Acts or in any other Act or Acts of Parliament, and relating to marriages contracted and solemnized according to the usages of the said Society in the said Province, and to the registration thereof, so far as the same are not inconsistent with this Act, shall extend and be applicable to every marriage contracted and solemnized by the authority of this Act in the said Province, as fully and effectually as if the same enactments were repeated herein.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

D. DALY, Governor.