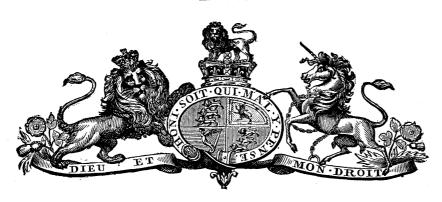
NEW ZEALAND.



TRICESIMO SECUNDO ET TRICESIMO TERTIO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. VIII.

ANALYSIS.

Preamble.

Short Title. 2. Legalization of marriages at St. John's Church Wakefield notwithstanding non-compliance with provisions of the Marriage Acts.

3. Evidence of marriage.

An Act for removing Doubts as to the Validity of Title. certain Marriages solemnized in the Province of [27th July 1869.]

HEREAS by "The Marriage Act, 1854," and "The Marriage Preamble.

Act Amendment Act, 1858," provision is made for the regulation of the solemnization of marriages in New Zealand And whereas certain marriages have been solemnized in the Province of Nelson by the Reverend Francis Tripp of Saint John's Church at Wakefield in the said Province And whereas doubts are entertained as to the validity of certain of the said marriages by reason of a non-compliance by the parties thereto with the provisions of the said Acts as to notice to the Registrar of such marriages and obtaining the Registrar's certificate for such marriages And whereas such non-compliance has arisen by reason of the inadvertence of the parties to the said marriages and of the said Reverend Francis Tripp to the provisions of the said Acts and not in consequence of any wilful neglect or default on the part of the said parties to the said marriages

BE IT THEREEORE DECLARED AND ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows-

- 1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Nelson Marriages short Title. Act 1869.
- 2. All marriages solemnized in the Province of Nelson previously Legalization of marto the passing of this Act by or in the presence of the Reverend riages at St. John's Church Wakefield Francis Tripp shall notwithstanding any non-compliance with the notwithstanding non-provisions of "The Marriage Act 1854" or "The Marriage Act compliance with pro-

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visions of the Marriage Acts. Amendment Act 1858" be held to be as valid as if all the formalities required by any of the provisions of the said Acts had been duly observed and complied with Provided that nothing herein contained shall legalize any marriage in respect to which a lawful impediment existed at the time of such marriage.

Evidence of marriage.

3. Where in the Register of any marriage registered in the manner required by "The Marriage Act Amendment Act 1858" such marriage purports to have been solemnized in the Province of Nelson by or in the presence of the said Reverend Francis Tripp as the officiating Minister the production of such Register or of any duly certified copy thereof or any extract therefrom shall be admitted as evidence of such marriage notwithstanding that a Registrar's certificate for the marriage as required by "The Marriage Act 1854" had not been previously to such marriage or at any time delivered to the said Reverend Francis Tripp or had not been obtained and such Register and certified copy thereof or extract therefrom shall be of the like force and effect as such Register copy or extract would have been if all the formalities required by the said Acts had in respect of the said marriage been complied with.

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