

No. 3 OF 1937.

A LAW TO REMOVE DOUBTS AS TO THE VALIDITY OF CERTAIN MARRIAGES, AND TO INDEMNIFY CERTAIN REGISTERED MINISTERS AND FURTHER TO AMEND THE MARRIAGE LAWS.

H. R. PALMER,] Governor.

[4th March, 1937.

BE it enacted:—

Short title.  
37 of 1922-  
19 of 1925.

1. This Law may be cited as the Marriage (Validation and Amendment) Law, 1937, and shall be read as one with the Marriage Laws, 1922 and 1925, (hereinafter called "the Principal Law"), and the Principal Law and this Law may together be cited as the Marriage Laws, 1922 to 1937.

Certain mixed marriages declared not invalid.

2. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Principal Law no marriage of persons not being members of the same Church celebrated after the 24th day of December, 1925, and before the commencement of this Law shall be deemed to be invalid by reason only that such marriage was celebrated without certificates duly issued under the Marriage Laws, 1922 to 1926.

Certain registered ministers to be indemnified

3. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Principal Law no registered Minister who before the commencement of this Law has celebrated a marriage of persons who were not members of the same Church shall be liable to any punishment or penalty by reason—

- (a) that such marriage was celebrated by him contrary to any of the provisions of the Marriage Laws, 1922 to 1926, or
- (b) that he failed to transmit a certificate thereof to the Colonial Secretary.

Certain mixed marriages performed by non-Orthodox minister validated.

4. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Principal Law any marriage of persons not being members of the same Church, one of whom is a member of the Greek-Orthodox Church celebrated before the commencement of this Law by a minister of religion in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of marriage observed by the Church, denomination or body to which such minister and the non-Greek-Orthodox party belongs and which has been registered with a Marriage Officer in accordance with the provisions of section 19 of the Principal Law, shall not be invalid by reason only that such marriage was not celebrated by a minister of the Greek-Orthodox Church or by a registered Minister.