



THE CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ACT, 1872



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[18th July, 1872]

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the solemnization ^{2} * of the marriages of Christians.*

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to the solemnization ^{2*} * of the marriages of persons professing the Christian religion; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title. This Act may be called the ^{3*} Christian Marriage Act, 1872.

¹For the Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1871, Pt. V, p. 473; for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1870, Supplement, p. 1077; *ibid.*, 1871, Supplement, pp. 1426, 1643; *ibid.*, 1872, Supplement, pp. 257, 728, 742, 805, 813 and 858. This Act is based on 14 and 15 Vict., c. 40, and 58 Geo. III, c. 84 (both Statutes relate to marriages in India and are now no longer in force), and Acts 5 of 1852 and 5 of 1865; the last two Acts were rep. by this Act.

²The words "in India" omitted by A.O., 1949, Sch.

³The word "Indian" omitted, *Ibid.*