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COLLECTION  
OF THE  
PUBLIC GENERAL STATUTES,  
PASSED IN THE  
**Sixth and Seventh Year**  
OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY  
**QUEEN VICTORIA:**

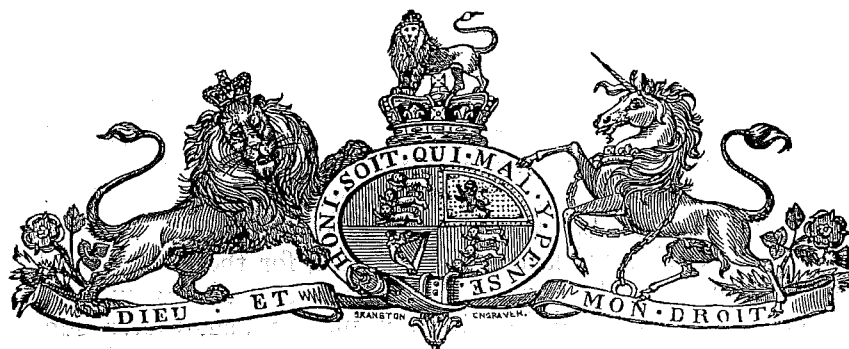
Being the THIRD SESSION of the FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT  
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An Act to authorize the Legislatures of certain of Her Majesty's Colonies to pass Laws for the Admission, in certain Cases, of unsworn Testimony in Civil and Criminal Proceedings.

[31st May 1843.]

**W**HEREAS there are resident within the Limits of or in Countries adjacent to divers of the *British* Colonies and Plantations abroad various Tribes of barbarous and uncivilized People, who, being destitute of the Knowledge of God and of any religious Belief, are incapable of giving Evidence on Oath in any Court of Justice within such Colonies or Plantations: And whereas Doubts have arisen whether any Laws which have been or which might be made by the Legislatures of such Colonies respectively to provide for the Admissibility in such Courts of the Evidence of such Persons are not or would not be repugnant to the Law of *England*, and therefore null and void; and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and

Laws or Ordinances made by the Legislatures of British Colonies for Admission of the Evidence of certain Persons residing therein shall have the same Effect as other Colonial Laws.

and by the Authority of the same, That no Law or Ordinance made or to be made by the Legislature of any *British* Colony for the Admission of the Evidence of any such Persons as aforesaid in any Court or before any Magistrate within any such Colony shall be or be deemed to have been null and void or invalid by reason of any Repugnancy or supposed Repugnancy of any such Enactment to the Law of *England*, but that every Law or Ordinance made or to be made by any such Legislature as aforesaid, for the Admission before any such Court or Magistrate of the Evidence of any such Persons as aforesaid on any Conditions thereby imposed, shall have such and the same Effect, and shall be subject to the Confirmation or Disallowance of Her Majesty in such and the same Manner, as any other Law or Ordinance enacted for any other Purpose by any such Colonial Legislature.

Act may be amended, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament.

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