

Annual register to be certified by a memorandum made by Prothonotary.

IV. The Annual Register shall, before being used, be numbered on the first and every subsequent leaf by the number thereof, in words at full length, and shall be authenticated on the first leaf by a memorandum setting forth the number of leaves and the purposes of such register, signed by the Prothonotary, and sealed with the Seal of the Superior Court: and the Annual Register shall not be used for more than one year, and shall cease to be used for entering baptisms, marriages and burials on the last day of December in the year for which it was granted, and shall, on or before the 31st day of January thereafter, be returned, by the said Minister or Priest keeping such registers, or by his successors or heirs, to the Prothonotary. 5

How entries shall be made and what they shall contain.

V. Each entry of baptism, marriage and burial shall be made in the registers in the order in which the same were performed by the Minister or Priest, and shall, in the body of such entry, contain the number of such entry, which number shall be in regular sequence from the first entry of the perpetual register to the last entry thereof; and the entry of each baptism, marriage and burial in the Annual Register shall be under the same number as in the perpetual register. 15

Baptisms, &c., shall be performed before two witnesses.

VI. Every baptism, marriage or burial shall be performed by such Minister or Priest in the presence of no less than two witnesses, who shall then and there, in the presence of the officiating Minister or Priest, sign, with him, the said registers with their usual signature, and in default of being able to write, shall sign the same with their marks. 20

Minister to make an alphabetical index of names.

VII. Every Minister or Priest keeping such registers shall make and keep an alphabetical index of the names of the persons baptised, married and buried, and inserted in each of the two registers, with a reference to the number under which the entry is made. 25

Certified extracts to be authentic.

VIII. Extracts from such registers certified as such by the Minister or Priest keeping the same, or by the Prothonotary, shall be received as authentic evidence of their contents. 30

Penalty for neglecting or refusing to comply with this Act.

IX. Every Minister or Priest who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the intent and meaning of this Act, either in the form of keeping of the said registers or the entries therein to be made, or in the delivery of the same to the Prothonotary, shall incur and pay for such neglect or refusal a sum not less than £2 or more than £20, without prejudice to the right of action which the suffering parties may have for costs, damages and interest on account of such neglect or refusal. 35

Penalties to be recovered before Superior Courts.

X. The perpetual Register shall be the property of the parish, church, mission or congregation for which the same were granted, and may be by them under the name by which they are mentioned in such register, whether incorporated or not, sued for and recovered from any person illegally detaining the same with costs: The annual register shall be the property of the Prothonotary in his official capacity, and may be sued for and recovered by him in his official name from any person illegally detaining the same, with costs: The penalties named under this Act may be sued for and recovered by any person, and may be recovered with costs for the sole use and benefit of the person suing for the same. 45

Penalties for forging, altering or coun-

XI. Any person who shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, or