

Marriages hereafter to be celebrated by Persons in Orders, except, &c.

Power to Secretary of State or Governor, &c. to grant Licences to Persons employed in the Duties of a Teacher or Preacher of Religion to celebrate Marriages within the Colony.

Such Persons to take the Oath prescribed by 52G.3.c.155.

II. And be it further enacted, That all Marriages which may hereafter be had in *Newfoundland* shall be celebrated by Persons in Holy Orders, except in the Cases herein-after specially excepted and provided for.

III. And whereas by reason of the great Extent of the said Island of *Newfoundland*, and the Want of internal Communication between the different Parts of the said Island during the greater Part of the Year, Difficulties have arisen with respect to the Solemnization of Marriages in various Settlements and Stations there; and it is expedient that temporary Provision be made for the legal Solemnization of Marriages in such Settlements or Stations as aforesaid; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or for the Governor or Acting Governor for the Time being of the Colony of *Newfoundland*, to grant Licences or a Licence to celebrate Marriages within the said Colony or its Dependencies, to any Person or Persons who shall employ themselves or himself solely in the Duties of a Teacher or Preacher of Religion in the said Colony, and who shall not follow or engage in any Trade or Business, or other Profession, Occupation, or Employment, for their or his Livelihood, except that of a Schoolmaster: Provided always, that no such Licence as aforesaid shall be granted to any such Persons or Person as aforesaid, unless they or he shall first have taken the Oath and subscribed the Declaration specified in an Act passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act to repeal certain Acts and amend other Acts relating to Religious Worship and Assemblies, and Persons teaching or preaching therein*, and shall have produced a Certificate thereof to His Majesty's said Principal Secretary of State, or to the Governor or Acting Governor of *Newfoundland*, as the Case may be; or unless such Persons or Person shall take the said Oath and subscribe the said Declaration before the Governor or Acting Governor of the said Colony, who is hereby authorized and required to administer such Oath and to tender such Declaration to the Persons or Person requiring to take and make and subscribe the same.

Such Licensed Persons empowered to celebrate Marriages in Cases where the Woman could not repair without Inconvenience to some Established Church or Chapel. Penalty if they celebrate Marriage

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person, to whom any such Licence as aforesaid shall be granted in Manner aforesaid, to celebrate Marriages between any Persons resident in the said Colony of *Newfoundland* or its Dependencies, in any Case where, by reason of the Difficulty of the internal Communication between different Parts of the said Colony or its Dependencies, the Woman about to be married could not, without Inconvenience, repair from her ordinary Place of Abode, for the Purpose of contracting such Marriage, to some Church or Chapel of or belonging to the Established Church of *England* wherein Divine Service is regularly performed; and if any such Person as aforesaid shall celebrate any Marriage by virtue of any such Licence as aforesaid, in any Case wherein such Inconvenience as aforesaid shall not exist, the Person so offending shall incur and become liable to the Payment of a Fine not less than Ten Pounds, nor more than Fifty Pounds *British Sterling Money*, and shall forfeit and be deprived