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to the
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shall not be necessary in support of such marriage to give any proof of the actual dwelling of the parties in the respective parishes or chapelries wherein the banns of matrimony were published; or where the marriage is by license, it shall not be necessary to give any proof that the usual place of abode of one of the parties, for the space of four weeks as aforesaid, was in the parish or chapelry wherein the marriage was solemnized; nor shall any evidence in either of the said cases be received to prove the contrary in any suit touching the validity of such marriage.

Marriages
by license
without con-
sent, &c.,
parties not
being a
widower or
widow, but
under age,
void.

XI. *And it is hereby further enacted*, That all marriages solemnized by license after the said twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-four, where either of the parties, not being a widower or widow, shall be under the age of twenty-one years, which shall be had without the consent of such of the parties father, so under age (if then living), first had and obtained, or, if dead, of the guardian or guardians of the person of the party so under age, lawfully appointed, or one of them; and in case there shall be no such guardian or guardians, then of the mother (if living and unmarried), and if there shall be no mother living and unmarried, then of a guardian or guardians of the person appointed by the Court of Chancery; shall be absolutely null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

XII. "And whereas it may happen that the guardian or guardians, mother or mothers, of the parties to be married, or one of them, so under age as aforesaid, may be non compos mentis, or may be in parts