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tracts or of the
record thereof.

third section of this Act to receive the Contract of Marriage and record the same, or their successors in office, or of the County Record from the County Register, or of the Provincial Record from the Provincial Registrar, shall be considered, *prima facie* evidence of the marriage, and of the facts therein stated, and a copy so certified of any such Contract shall be *prima facie* evidence of such Contract, and of the facts therein stated; and the persons in the said third section of this Act mentioned, and their successors in office, and the said County Register or Provincial Registrar are hereby required to give such certified Copy of such Record or Contract or of the Registry thereof, to any person demanding the same, and in case of refusal or neglect so to do, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment or either of them by the Court in which the complaint may be made.

Fees.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the person receiving the Contract and recording the same, shall be entitled to receive for the Contract, for recording, for transmittal, for a copy, and a further sum of on each Contract to be paid over to the County Register, and of to be paid over to the Provincial Registrar; and the County Register shall be entitled to receive for a copy, and the Provincial Registrar for a copy.

No religious
ceremony ne-
cessary or pre-
vented.

XVI. Provided always, and be it enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to interfere with any Religious Ceremony which the parties contracting Marriage may choose to observe, or to render necessary any Religious Ceremony with which they may choose to dispense, provided the Contract itself be made and registered as hereby required.

No Banns or
license re-
quired.

XVII. And be it enacted, That no publication of Banns or Marriage License, shall be necessary in order to the valid celebration of any Marriage in Upper Canada, after this Act shall be in force, any thing in any Act or Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Certain mar-
riages con-
firmed.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That the Marriage or Marriages of all persons not under any legal disqualification to contract matrimony, that have been publicly contracted in Upper Canada before any Justice of the Peace, Magistrate or Commanding Officer of a Post, or before any Priest, Minister or Clergyman, or between or with any person or persons belonging to the Society of Friends commonly called Quakers, or persons professing the Jewish religion, according to the usages of the said Society and of the said persons respectively, before this Act shall come into force, shall be and are hereby confirmed, and shall be considered good and valid in law, and the parties to such Marriages and the issue thereof shall be entitled to all the rights and subject to all the obligations resulting from Marriage