

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in order to enable those persons who may be desirous of preserving the testimony of such Marriage and of the birth of their Children, to effectuate the same, it shall and may be lawful at any time within three years from the passing of this act for any Magistrate of the District where any such parties may have contracted Matrimony as aforesaid shall reside, at the request of either of the said parties to administer the following Oath to the Husband;

"I A. B. do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God, that I did publicly intermarry with C. D. at _____ on the _____ day of _____ in the Year of our Lord and that there is living Issue of the said Marriage (as the case may be)

T. B. born on the _____ day of _____
M. B. born on the _____ day of _____

And to administer the following Oath to the Wife; "I M. B. do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God, that I did publicly intermarry with A. B. at _____ on the _____ day of _____ in the Year of our Lord _____ and that there if now living Issue of said Marriage (as the case may be)

T. B. born on the _____ day of _____
M. B. born on the _____ day of _____

Which form of attestation shall be subscribed by the parties, & certified under the hand & seal of the Magistrate administering the said Oath, who shall be entitled to demand & receive one shilling for such certificate, & that it shall & may be lawful for the Clerk of the Peace of the District to enter & record, & he is hereby required, upon the payment of the sum of two shillings to enter & record such attestation, duly certified as aforesaid, in a Book or Register to be by him kept for that purpose; and that such Register or an attested copy thereof, which copy the said Clerk is hereby required to make out, and on the payment of the sum of two shillings, to deliver to any person requesting the same, shall be held and taken as sufficient evidence of such Marriage, and the birth of such Children in all His Majesty's Courts of Law and Equity.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that until such time as there shall be five Parsons or Ministers of the Church of England, severally incumbent or doing duty on and in their respective Parishes or place of residence in any one District within this Province, such parties as are not under any Canonical disability and are desirous of intermarrying with each other, and neither of them living within the distance of eighteen miles of any Parson or Minister of the Church of England, may apply to any neighbouring Justice of the Peace within the District, and declare the same, whereupon it shall and may be lawful for the said Justice, to cause to be affixed in some public place within the Township or Parish wherein the parties reside, or if they should reside in different Townships or Parishes, then in the most public place within each of the said Townships, or Parishes, a notice in the following form, for which he shall be entitled to receive one shilling and no more.—"Whereas A. B. of _____ and C. D. of _____ are desirous of intermarrying with each other, and there being no Parson or Minister of the Church of England living within eighteen miles of them or either of them, all persons who know any just impediment why they should not be joined in Matrimony, are to give notice thereof to E. F. Esquire of _____ one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the _____ District."

And if no valid objection shall have been made to such intended Marriage when three Sundays have intervened after the publication of the said notice, it shall and may be lawful for the said Magistrate to proceed to Solemnize the Marriage, according to the form prescribed by the Church of England, and to give to the parties a Certificate thereof in the following form, for which he shall be entitled to receive the sum of