

he belongs, who shall declare him to be their minister or clergyman; and unless he shall produce proofs of his ordination, constitution, or appointment to that office, and unless he shall then and there take the Oath of Allegiance to his Majesty; when, if it shall appear to the majority of the justices then present, expedient and proper, they are hereby authorized to grant him a certificate under the Seal of the Court, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the Peace, (for which the said Clerk of the Peace shall be entitled to demand and receive the sum of five shillings) certifying him to be the settled minister or clergyman of such congregation or religious community; which certificate shall be in the following form:—

BE IT REMEMBERED, that at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, holden at the Town of _____ in the County of _____ in and for the _____ District, on the _____ day of _____ in the _____ year of our Lord, before A. B. (and six others) Esquire, and others, Justices of our Sovereign Lord the King, assigned to keep the Peace in the said District, &c. came C. D. of _____ together with E. F. of _____ (and six others, whose names and descriptions must be inserted) members of a (Congregation) or (Community) of _____ at _____ in the County of _____ in the said District. And the said E. F. &c. being duly examined, satisfied the Court that the said C. D. is the settled (Minister) or (Clergyman) (of the said Congregation) or (Community) and was regularly ordained, constituted, and appointed thereto.

G. H. Chairman.

J. K. Clerk of the Peace.

III. *Provided nevertheless*, That no such certificate shall be given by the said court of quarter-sessions as aforesaid, unless the person applying for the same shall have given notice in writing, to the clerk of the peace, at, or before the general quarter sessions immediately preceding that on which he shall apply for such certificate; which notice in writing, the said clerk of the peace shall read in open court, and shall also fix up in some conspicuous part of his office, within eight days after the same shall have been so read; for which service he, the said clerk of the peace, shall be entitled to demand and receive the sum of five shillings and no more.

IV. *Provided also; and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That no such minister or clergyman shall, at any time, celebrate the ceremony of Matrimony between any two persons as above described, unless he shall on three several Sundays before he shall celebrate the said ceremony, openly, and with a loud voice in the church, chapel, meeting-house, or other place of worship of such congregation or religious community, either in some intermediate part of the service, or immediately before it begins, or immediately after it is ended, declare his intention so to do; and shall at each time of making such declaration, also declare