

munity of persons, professing to be members of the Church of Scotland, or Lutherans, or Calvinists, who shall be authorised in manner hereafter directed, to celebrate the ceremony of matrimony, according to the rites of such church or religious community, between any two persons, neither of whom are under any legal disqualification to contract matrimony, *and one of whom shall have been a member of such congregation or religious community, at least six months before the said marriage, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.*

(See 1 Wm. IV. Ch. 1, Sec. 3.)

II. *Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no person shall be taken, or deemed to be a minister or clergyman of any such congregation or religious community, within the intent and meaning of this Act, who shall not have been regularly ordained, constituted, or appointed, according to the rites and forms of such congregation or religious community, and unless he shall have appeared, or come before the Justices of the Peace assembled in Quarter Sessions, in the District in which he shall reside, when not less than six Magistrates, besides the Chairman, shall be present, and shall have then with him at least seven respectable persons, members of the congregation or religious community to which 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 authorised 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:—

Minister or Clergyman must have been ordained, and appear before six Magistrates in Quarter Sessions assembled, and take the oath of allegiance.

(See 1 Wm. IV. Ch. 1, sec. 4.)

Fee to the Clerk.

“*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.

Form of certificate.

“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

No certificate to be given unless notice shall have been given, &c.

(See 1 Wm. IV. Ch. 1.)