

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for any Clergyman or Minister of any Church, Society, Congregation or Religious Community of persons, professing to be Members of the Church of Scotland, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptists, Independants, Methodists, Menonists, Tunkers; or Moravians, who shall be authorised, in manner hereinafter mentioned, to Solemnize the ceremony of Marriage within this Province between any two persons, neither of whom is under any legal disqualification to contract Matrimony.

Ministers of certain Denominations authorised to Solemnize Matrimony.

IV. *Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no person shall be taken or deemed to be a Clergyman or Minister of such Church, Society, 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 form of such Church, Society, Congregation or Religious Community, of which he professes to be a Clergyman or Minister, and unless he shall be a Subject of His Majesty, and shall appear before the Justices of the District in which he shall reside, in general Quarter Sessions assembled, and unless he shall produce proof of his ordination, constitution, or appointment as such Minister, and shall then and there take the Oath of Allegiance to His Majesty, which oath the said Court shall then and there administer, and thereupon, if it shall appear to the Majority of the Justices then present that he has been regularly ordained, constituted, or appointed as aforesaid, they are hereby authorised and required to grant him a Certificate under the Seal of the Court, and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk of the Peace, for which the said Clerk shall be entitled to receive the sum of Five Shillings, certifying him to be a Minister or Clergyman of such Church, Society, Congregation, or Religious Community, which Certificate may be in the following form:—

Certificate to be obtained from the Quarter Sessions by Ministers, before they can Solemnize Matrimony.

“Be it remembered, that at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, holden at——in and for——District, on the——day of——in the year of our Lord——before A. B. and others, Esquires, Justices of our Sovereign Lord the King, assigned to keep the Peace in the said District, came C. D. of——who professes to be a Minister or Clergyman of the Church, Society, Congregation or Religious Community, (as the case may be,) it appeared to a majority of the Justices that he the said C. D. was duly ordained, constituted or appointed, as the case may be, a Minister or Clergyman of the said Church, Society, Congregation or Religious Community.

E. F. Chairman.

G. H. Clerk of the Peace.”