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From what occurred in the Court of Appeals during the argument of the case of Dease and Mackintosh, in the last Term, we are induced to make some remarks upon the forms prescribed by Law for the making of entries in the Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials kept by the Priests and Ministers of the various parishes and congregations in Lower Canada. The leading Act upon the subject is the 35 George III., chap. 4, page 611 Revised Statutes. Its preamble is suggestive of the value of such registers, "Whereas the keeping of uniform and authentic registers of the baptisms, marriages and burials in this Province will tend to secure the peace of families, and ascertain various civil rights of His Majesty's subjects therein."

The Act enacts that in each Parish Church of the Roman Catholic Communion, and also in each of the Protestant Churches and Congregations within the Province, there shall be kept by the rector, curate, vicar, or other priest or minister, doing the parochial duty thereof, two registers of the same tenor, each of which shall be reputed authentic and shall be equally considered as legal evidence in all Courts of Justice, in each of which the said rector, curate, vicar, or other priest or minister doing the parochial or clerical duty of such parish or Protestant Church or Congregation, shall be held to enregister regularly and successively all baptisms, marriages and burials so soon as the same shall have been by them performed.

It enacts that previous to any entry in such registers a Justice of the Court of King's Bench, or a Judge, shall number and *parapher* each leaf thereof, "and such registers so numbered and authenticated or *paraphé*, and which shall be kept in manner and form as hereinafter mentioned shall be legal evidence of such baptisms, marriages or burials."

A Judge need not now *parapher* each leaf of such registers; the 2 Vic., chap. 4, having made a new regulation on the subject, (see p. 616 of the Revised Statutes.) Section 3 of the 35 Geo. III., prescribes the form for entries of baptisms. Section 4 regulates the entries of marriages, and Section 5 of burials. Too much attention cannot be given to the requirements of these three sections. We transcribe Section 4.

"And be it further enacted, that in the entries of marriages, in the registers aforesaid, shall be inserted in words the day, month, and year on which the marriage shall have been celebrated, with the names,