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AN ACT

Respecting Marriages in the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, enacts as follows :

Ministers of any Denomination may solemnize Marriage.

I. The Ministers and Clergymen of every Church and religious denomination in the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, ordained or appointed according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church or denomination to which they belong, may solemnize the ceremony of Marriage according to the rites and usages of such Church or denomination between any two persons not under a legal disqualification to contract such Marriage.

No Minister to solemnize Marriage unless authorized by Licence, or after publication of Banns.

II. But no Minister or Clergyman shall celebrate the ceremony of Marriage between any two persons unless duly authorized by Licence under the hand and seal of the Governor to celebrate the ceremony between such two persons, or if not so

authorized, then unless the intention of the two persons to intermarry has been proclaimed openly and in an audible voice in the Church, Chapel, Meeting House or place of public worship of the congregation or religious community with which the Minister or Clergyman is connected, on three several Sundays immediately before the service began or immediately after it ends, or at some intermediate part of the service ; together with the number of such proclamation, as being the first, second or third time of asking.

No valid objection as to Church or Chapel, &c.

III. It shall be no valid objection to the legality of a Marriage that the same was not solemnized in a consecrated Church or Chapel, or within any particular hours.

Ministers marrying must give Certificate if required. Fee for Certificate.

IV. Every Clergyman or Minister who celebrates a Marriage in the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, shall, if required at the time of the Marriage by either of the parties thereto, give