

BILL.

An Act to relieve Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada from the obligation to obtain special Licenses in order to keep Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it is expedient to relieve Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada from certain disabilities and inconveniences under which they now labour in Lower Canada; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

5 That it shall be lawful for any regularly ordained Minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, having charge of any congregation in Lower Canada, to obtain, have and keep, (subject to all penalties by the law of Lower Canada in this behalf provided) registers
 10 duly authenticated according to law, of all Marriages, Baptisms and Burials which may be performed or take place under the ministry of such Minister; and such Registers (the necessary legal formalities required by the laws of Lower Canada in relation to Registers of like
 15 nature being observed) shall to all intents and purposes have the same effect in law, as if the same had been kept by any Minister of the Church of England or of Scotland.

Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church may keep Registers

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no such Minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada,
 20 shall be entitled to the benefit of this Act, unless he shall have taken the oath of allegiance before some Judge of the Superior Court in the District where he shall reside in Lower Canada, who is hereby required and empowered to administer the same; and a certificate of the taking of
 25 such oath shall be made by the Prothonotary of the Court in duplicate and signed by the Judge; and one duplicate of such certificate shall be filed of record in the office of such Prothonotary, and the other shall be delivered to the person taking such oath; and for such certificate and
 30 duplicate thereof and for filing the same, the Prothonotary shall be entitled to *two shillings and six pence* currency and no more; nor shall any Minister be entitled to the benefit of this Act, unless he shall at the time of taking such oath as aforesaid, produce to the Judge who
 35 shall administer the same, the certificate of his ordination, or a properly attested copy thereof; and such document shall be copied into the Register to be kept by such Minister under this Act; and the copy so made therein

Conditions on which such Registers shall be obtained.