

said, shall cease and determine; and to the end that it may become publicly known when such a number of Parsons or Ministers are incumbent within any District, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, and he is hereby required, to give notice thereof, by an instrument under his hand and seal, to the first General Quarter Sessions to be holden for the said District, certifying that there are five Parsons or Ministers of the Church of England, severally incumbent and doing duty, within their respective Parishes or places of abode in the said District, and that therefore the provisions herein-before made, authorizing the Justices of the Peace to solemnize matrimony, have ceased and determined within the said District, which said instrument shall be publicly read before the Justices in Quarter Sessions assembled, and kept and preserved by the Clerk of the Peace, among the records of the said District; and from and after the publication of such notice, it shall not be lawful for any Justice of the Peace within such District to perform the marriage ceremony; and if any Justice of the Peace within the District where such notification shall have been made in manner aforesaid, shall, after the publication thereof, knowingly and wilfully pretend to perform the marriage ceremony between any persons, under or by virtue of the powers of this Act, or under any pretence whatever, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds, one moiety thereof to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the public uses of the Province, and the support of the Government thereof, and the other moiety to any person who shall sue for the same, by action of debt, plaint, bill or information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record within this Province, and such pretended marriage so performed, shall be null and void, to all intents and purposes whatever.

Method of ascertaining such event.

Penalty for solemnizing marriage after such event,

And the marriage to be void.

VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be no valid objection to the legality of any marriage heretofore solemnized by any Parson or Minister, either by license or after due publication of banns, or hereafter to be solemnized in manner aforesaid, or by any Justice of the Peace, duly authorized under the provisions of this Act, that the same was not solemnized in a church or chapel duly consecrated, nor shall any such marriage, on account thereof, be held or taken to be illegal.*

No valid objection to a marriage, it's not being celebrated in a church or chapel.

VII. [EXPIRED.]

Fromulgation of this Act.

CHAP. VI.

AN ACT to fix the times and places of holding the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace within the several Districts of this Province.

[Passed 9th July, 1793.]

[REPEALED BY 7 WM. IV. CH. 11.]