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WHEREAS divers members of the Religious Society or Denomina- Preamble. tion of Christians, known as "The New Church, signified by the New Jerusalem in the Revelation," resident in Lower Canada, have by their petition to the Legislature, prayed that the Ministers and Pastors 5 thereof, may be authorized to keep in due form of Law Registers of all Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, which shall by such Ministers or Postors respectively be performed; and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petitioners:

Therefore Her Majesty, Ly and with the advice and consent of the 10 Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :-

1. It shall and may be lawful for any regularly ordained Minister or Ministers of Pastor for the time being of any society of the said "New Church, the said denc-Pastor for the time being of any society of the said liver onured, mination resissignified by the New Jerusalem in the Reveletion," in Lower Canada, mination resissignified by the New Jerusalem in the Reveletion," 15 to have and keep Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, subject Canada may always to the penalties of law in this behalf provided, according to the keep regislaws of Lower Canada, and the said Registers, the necessary formalities ters, &c. as by law already provided in Lower Canada aforesaid, in relation to Registers of like nature, being observed, shall to all intents and pur-20 poses have the same effect in law, as if the same had been kept by any Minister or Clergyman in Lower Canada now authorized to keep Registers; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

2. Provided that no such Minister or Pastor not being a British sub- Proviso: they ject by birth or naturalization, shall be entitled to the benefits hereby must be Bri25 granted, unless he shall have taken the oath of allegiance before a tish subjects

Indee of the Superior Court in the district in which he shall reside or take the Judge of the Superior Court in the district in which he shall reside, oath of allewhich said oath the said Judges are authorized and required to admin-giance, and ister, and the same to certify in duplicate under their signature, must prove whereof one copy shall be filed in the office of the Prothonotary of the tion, &c., &c. 30 said Court, the cost of which filing shall not exceed five shillings, and the other copy shall remain in the possession of the said Minister, nor unless such Minister or Pastor shall, at the time of taking such oath, produce to the Judge the certificate of his ordination, and of his call to become such Minister or Pastor by the said Society, or legally attested 35 copies of such documents respectively; and provided also, that the Re-Proviso.

gisters which shall be so kept, and the several entries therein, according to the laws of Lower Canada aforesaid, as well as authentic copies of such entries, shall to all intents and purposes be good and available in law, as if the said Registers had been kept pursuant to any Act, Statute, 40 or Law in Lower Canada in relation to Registers of Births, Baptisms, or Burials.

Duplicate re-

3. The duplicate of the Registers to be kept by such Minister or gisters to be- Pastor, shall be the property of the Society; and whenever the connections to the congregation tion between any such Minister or Pastor, and the said Society shall cease, such Registers shall be deposited with the Trustees thereof, to be kept by the successor of such Minister or Pastor for the use of the 5 said Society.

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4. The said Ministers or Pastors shall, in all respects comply with, conform to the and be governed by the Acts, Statutes and Laws at present in force in Lower Canada, in the keeping of the said Registers, and shall in case 10 of disobedience to the requirements thereof, be liable to the penalties in like cases thereby imposed, which penalties shall be paid, recoverable, applied and accounted for in the same manner as the penalties imposed by them are therein directed to be recovered, paid, applied and ac-15 counted for.

5. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act. Public Act.