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See 33d article of the bill of rights.

Penalty for marrying persons related, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That if any minister within this state, shall knowingly celebrate the rites of marriage between any persons related within the degrees of kindred or affinity in the said table expressed, (to avoid which offence he is to make diligent inquiry,) he shall forfeit and pay for every offence five hundred pounds current money.

No person to marry without license, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That no person within this state shall marry without such license as by this act is directed, or before the names of the parties intending to marry shall be thrice published in some parish church or chapel, meeting house, Romish chapel, or other house of religious worship, in the county where the woman shall have her usual residence, on three several Sundays, by some minister residing within the same county where the woman to be married usually lives, (or if a Quaker, before publication of his marriage shall be made in such manner as hath been heretofore used and practised in this state by the people of his society,) under the penalty of five hundred pounds current money; and if any minister shall marry any person without such license or publication as aforesaid, he shall forfeit five hundred pounds current money; and if any minister shall go out of the county where he resides, and there join together in matrimony any persons belonging to this state, and if any minister shall go out of this state and there celebrate the rites of marriage between any persons belonging to this state, without such license or publication as above prescribed, he shall forfeit and pay five hundred pounds current money.

Penalty on marrying out of the state, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That if any person belonging to this state shall go out of this state, and there marry with any person belonging to this state, contrary to this act, each of the said parties shall be liable to the same punishment or penalty as if the offence had been committed within this state.

Churches, &c. to be recorded.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That every parish church or chapel belonging to the church of England, and every meeting-house, Romish chapel, or other house of religious worship, belonging to and used by any sect or denomination of christians, shall be recorded in the records of the county court of the county wherein such church, chapel, or house of worship shall be, and none shall be esteemed as such for the publication of marriage agreeable to this act, unless recorded as aforesaid.

Lists to be returned.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That every minister celebrating a marriage by license aforesaid, shall annually, in the month of November, return on oath a list of the names of the persons,