

and the time when married, to the treasurer of his shore, under the penalty of two hundred pounds current money.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That if any minister shall join in marriage any male under the age of twenty-one years, or any female under the age of sixteen years, and not before married, without the consent of the parent or guardian of every such person, personally given, or signified under the hand and seal of the said parent or guardian, and attested by two witnesses, he shall forfeit and pay five hundred pounds current money.

Penalty for marrying persons under age, &c.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That where any parish or parishes have not a minister officiating therein, it shall and may be lawful for the reader or the clerk of such parish or congregation to publish the bands of matrimony.

Reader may publish bands.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That if any minister shall wilfully publish the bands of matrimony between any servants, or between a free person and a servant, or if he shall wittingly celebrate the rites of matrimony between any such, without leave of the master or mistress of such servant, he shall forfeit and pay for every offence fifty pounds current money.

Ministers not to marry servants.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That all licenses for marriage shall be issued by the clerk of the court of that county where the woman shall have her usual residence, under the seal of his county, in the following form, to wit: 'Whereas application hath been made to me by A. B. of — county, and C. D. of — county, for license to be joined in holy matrimony: These are therefore to authorize and license you to solemnize the rites of marriage between the said persons, according to law, there appearing to you no lawful cause or just impediment, by reason of any consanguinity or affinity, to hinder the same. Given under my hand and the seal of my office this — day of —, in the year seventeen hundred and ———. To the reverend Mr. ———, or any other person qualified by law to celebrate the marriage in the state of Maryland.'

Clerks to issue licenses.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That there shall be paid to the clerk granting such license the sum of thirty shillings current money, and he shall annually in the month of November, return on oath a list of licenses by him granted, the date, and the persons to whom granted, to the treasurer of his shore, and shall at such time pay to such treasurer twenty-five shillings current money for each license by him granted, for the use of this state, under the penalty of one hundred pounds current money, and may retain five shillings on each license for his trouble.

Thirty shillings to be paid, &c.

By 1797, ch. 38, blank licenses are to be delivered by the governor and council to the treasurers, to be applied for by, and delivered to, the respective county clerks for each year, and to be accounted for by them; and so much of this act as directs a different mode of granting and accounting for