

men of the parish; and it shall also be the duty of the said register, in the entry of baptisms, to insert the christian names of the persons baptized, the christian and surnames of the parents, with the dates of the baptisms and births of the persons baptized, and in the entry of marriages and burials to insert the times of the celebration, and the christian and surnames of the persons married, and the persons buried; and it shall be the duty of the minister or ministers of every parish, to take care that the said register be made acquainted with all the baptisms, marriages and burials, celebrated by him or them in the parish.

Baptisms,
&c. to be
communicated, &c.

SEC. 20. *And be it enacted*, That if any minister of the Protestant Episcopal church shall celebrate any baptism, marriage or burial, in any parish in which he may not be a settled minister, he is hereby required to communicate it to the rector, or some one of the vestry, of the parish, who shall communicate it to the register of said parish.

Penalty on
the minister
&c.

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted*, That if any minister or vestryman shall fail in the duties herein respectively assigned them, or if any register shall refuse or neglect to enter any baptism, marriage or burial, so made known to him, the person offending shall forfeit eight dollars for every such offence.

Register to
have custody
of all
baptisms,
&c.

SEC. 22. *And be it enacted*, That the register of every parish shall have the custody of all registers of baptisms, marriages and burials, belonging to his parish, and he is hereby obliged to shew any person or persons reasonably desiring it any such register, or give a certificate of the entry of any birth, marriage or burial, entered therein, which may be desired of him, and such certificate under the hand of such register, and with the common seal of such vestry annexed thereto, shall be received in evidence in all courts of justice within this state; and for every search which may be required, he shall be entitled to twenty-five cents, and for every certificate as aforesaid, he shall be entitled to twenty-five cents, nor shall he be obliged to make a search, or give a certificate, until he shall have been paid the reward before allowed.

Penalty on
vestry for
neglect, &c.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted*, That if any vestry shall neglect or refuse to appoint a register for their parish, or to provide him with such good and substantial books as the execution of the duties herein committed to him may require, the individual vestrymen who shall vote against going into the appointment of a person to fill the office of a register, or who shall refuse to vote on the question of said appointment, or against the provision of good substantial books as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars each for every time he shall offend, or vote as aforesaid, the said fine to be recovered before a single magistrate; provided always, that the vestrymen, so offending,