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this state, unless by ministers of the church of England, ministers dissenting from that church, or Romish priests, appointed or ordained according to the rites and ceremonies of their respective churches, or in such manner as hath been heretofore used and practised in this state by the society of people called quakers; and if any person shall celebrate the rites of marriage between any white persons, as aforesaid, contrary to the true intent and meaning hereof, he shall forfeit and pay for every offence five hundred pounds current money.

Penalty on
ministers mar-
rying persons
related, &c.

IV. **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 persons to
marry with-
out licence,
&c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That no person within this state shall marry without such licence 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 licence 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 licence or publication as above prescribed, he shall forfeit and pay five hundred pounds current money.

Penalty on
persons mar-
rying out of
the state, &c.

VI. **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.

Places of wor-
ship to be re-
corded, &c.

VII. **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.

Ministers to
return lists of
marriages,
&c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That every minister celebrating a marriage by licence as aforesaid, shall annually, in the month of November, return on oath a list of the names of the persons and the time when married, to the treasurer of his shire, under the penalty of two hundred pounds current money.

Penalty on
ministers
marrying per-
sons under
age.

IX. **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.

Reader may
publish bans,
&c.

X. **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 bans of matrimony.

Ministers not
to marry ser-
vants, &c.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That if any minister shall wilfully publish the bans of marriage between any servants, or between a free person and a servant, or if he shall