

**C H A P. XII.** A Man shall not marry his  
 Brother's Wife,  
 Son's Daughter,  
 Daughter's Daughter,  
 Son's Son's Wife,  
 Daughter's Son's Wife,  
 Wife's Son's Daughter,  
 Wife's Daughter's Daughter,  
 Brother's Daughter,  
 Sister's Daughter,  
 Brother's Son's Wife,  
 Sister's Son's Wife,  
 Wife's Brother's Daughter,  
 Wife's Sister's Daughter.

A Woman shall not marry her  
 Sister's Husband,  
 Son's Son,  
 Daughter's Son,  
 Son's Daughter's Husband,  
 Daughter's Daughter's Husband,  
 Husband's Son's Son,  
 Husband's Daughter's Son,  
 Brother's Son,  
 Sister's Son,  
 Brother's Daughter's Husband,  
 Sister's Daughter's Husband,  
 Husband's Brother's Son,  
 Husband's Sister's Son.

Penalty on  
 Persons marry-  
 ing within  
 the Degrees  
 of Kindred.

**II. And be it enacted,** That if any Person within this State shall hereafter marry with any Person related within the three Degrees of lineal direct Consanguinity, or within the first Degree of collateral Consanguinity, each of the Parties, on Conviction thereof in the General Court, shall forfeit and pay five hundred Pounds current Money, or be banished this State for ever; and if any Person within this State shall hereafter marry with any Person related within any other of the Degrees of Kindred, or within any of the Degrees of Affinity expressed in the said Table, each of the Parties so offending shall forfeit and pay two hundred Pounds current Money.

Marriages  
 not to be ce-  
 lebrated by  
 any but Mi-  
 nisters, &c.

**III. And be it enacted,** That the Rites of Marriage between any white Persons, Subjects or Inhabitants of this State, shall not be celebrated by any Person within 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  
 marrying  
 Persons re-  
 lated, &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 Enquiry) he shall forfeit and pay for every Offence five hundred Pounds current Money.

No Person 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