

Minors or Persons out of the Province ; Be it therefore enacted by the Honourable the Commander in Chief, Council and Assembly That nothing in the said Act, nor any Thing therein contained, shall extend or be construed to extend, to bar the Title of any Minor, Feme Covert, or Person non compos mentis, imprisoned, or absent from the Province, but they shall be intitled, to sue for and recover any Lands or Tenements within the Province aforesaid, to which they are intitled, within Five Years after such impediment shall be removed, any Thing in the said Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.



An Act for the registering of Marriages, Births and Deaths.

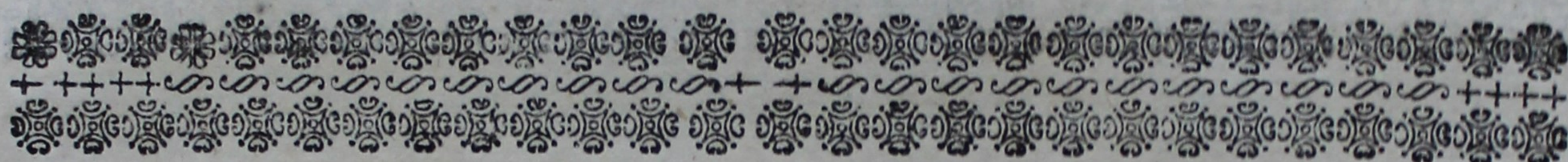
FOR preventing of great Uncertainty and Inconvenience, that may happen for Want of a Register of Marriages, Births and Deaths.

BE it enacted, by the Honourable the Commander in Chief, Council and Assembly, That in every Township within this Province, where no Parish shall be established, the Proprietors Clerks, who are hereby appointed Registers of Marriages, Births and Deaths, in their respective Townships, and who are, hereby impowered and required, to take an Account of all Persons that shall be married, or that shall be born or shall die, within each Township respectively, and fairly to register in a Book their Names and Surnames, as also the Names and Surnames of their Parents, with the Time of their being married, or of their Birth and Death ; and the Register shall demand and receive the Fee of Six Pence, and no more, for each and every Registry by him so entered, to be paid by the Persons who shall be married, and by the Parents or others nearest of Kin to, or concerned with the Party born or dying. And if any shall refuse or neglect to give Notice to the said Register, of the Marriage by the Persons themselves, or of the Birth or Death of any Person that they are so related to or concerned for ; or to pay for Registering as aforesaid, within the Space of Thirty Days next after such Marriage, Birth or Death, every Person so refusing or neglecting, and being (upon the Complaint of any Register) thereof convicted before one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace within the same County, shall forfeit and pay unto such Register, the Sum of Five Shillings ; to be levied by

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Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods, by Warrant from such Justice, if Payment be not made within *four Days* next after Conviction as aforesaid. And every such Register shall give forth from the Registry a fair Certificate under his Hand, of Persons married, born, or dying in the Township, to any who shall desire the same; and he shall receive *one Shilling* and no more, for every Certificate so given.

And be it also further enacted, That the Registry so kept, shall be sufficient Evidence in any Court of Record within this Province.



An Act for preventing Damages by unseasonable burning, or firing of the Woods.

HERE AS setting on Fire the Woods, and Underbrush, in the dry Season of the Year, by spreading, has done much Damage in the burning Houses, Fences, Hay, &c. And whereas in the present Situation of the new Settlements, it may be necessary, that such Regulations should be made, as will be most convenient and useful for clearing the Lands with the least Risk,

Be it therefore enacted, by the Honourable the Commander in Chief, Council & Assembly, That the Justices in the several Counties within this Province, in their Quarter Sessions to be next held in *March*, for the said Counties, shall give it in Charge to the Grand Juries, then and there summoned, to affix and settle such Regulations within their respective Counties, as they may judge most proper and convenient, to be observed and followed by the several Inhabitants within the said Counties, for preventing Damage by setting Fire to, and burning the Woods, Underbrush, or Marsh Lands at unseasonable Times, with as little Prejudice as possible to the clearing of Lands in the new Settlements. And such Rules and Regulations as shall be approved of by the Justices of the said Sessions, shall be, and are hereby declared to be the Stated Rules to be kept, observed, and followed by the Inhabitants of the said several Counties, for and during the Space of *Twelve Months* thereafter.

And be it further enacted, That the said Justices, shall in like manner