

"I, A. B. appointed one of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, do declare, that I do profess the Presbyterian Religion, as the same is declared in the Westminster Confession of Faith." And Whereas, it is expedient, that the said restrictions be removed :

I. BE it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That the second section of the said Act, and every other part and clause thereof, by which the Trustees are required to make the foregoing declaration and subscription, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Sec. 2 of Act 56, Geo. III repealed.

II. And be it also enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons, to be appointed or elected and to act as a Trustee of the said Academy, who shall take and subscribe either of the following Declarations, viz :—I, A. B. appointed one of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, do declare, that I do profess the Christian Religion according to the principles and forms of the Church of England; or, I A. B. appointed one of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, do declare, that I do profess the Christian Religion, according to the Presbyterian principles and forms of the Church of Scotland.

Oath to be taken by Trustees.

CAP. XVI.

An ACT relating to Marriages, and the issuing of Marriage Licenses.

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen whether the Laws of the Province authorise His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to grant Licences to persons to Mar-
ry otherwise than according to the forms prescribed by the Book of Common Prayer; for removing such doubts,

Preamble.

I. BE it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to grant Marriage Licenses to persons within this Province, of any religious persuasion whatsoever; which Licenses shall be in the form hitherto used, or in the form following, at the option of the parties applying for the same:—

Marriage Licence granted.

By his Excellency

To A. B. and C. D. Greeting.

Whereas, it has been signified unto Us, that you have resolved to proceed to the solemnization of true and lawful Matrimony, and are desirous to have the same solemnized without proclamation of Banns, and being willing that these your good intentions shall take effect, and for other lawful causes, do hereby grant this License and Faculty, as well to you the parties contracting as to E. F. Clergyman, or officiating Minister of a dissenting Congregation, in the Township of _____ to solemnize the said Marriage openly, without publication of Banns. Provided, There shall hereafter appear no lawful impediment by reason of consanguinity, affinity, or any other cause whatsoever; and if in case there hereafter appear any fraud suggested, or truth suppressed, at the time of obtaining this License, then these Presents shall be

Form of License

void and of no effect in Law. Inhibiting, hereby, all Ministers, if any thing of the premises come to their knowledge, that they do not proceed to the celebration of the said Marriage without consulting Us thereupon.

Given under Our Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this

day of

Anno Domini

By His Excellency's Command,

Security to be given by party applying for Licences.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That before any such License to marry shall be granted and made use of, security shall be given in the form heretofore used, except as to the condition which requires the marriage to be solemnized according to the form of the Book of Common Prayer.

Registry of Marriage Licence.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Province shall keep a Registry of all the Marriage Licences so granted, with the date thereof, and the names of the parties to whom the same are granted.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That all and every person or persons (except Clergymen of the Church of England) who shall solemnize Marriage under the authority of any such Licence, shall, under penalty of five pounds, to be recovered before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, grant a certificate, signed by himself, and by at least two Witnesses who were present at such Marriage, setting forth therein the names of the parties so married, and the day of the month and year in which the same was so solemnized, and shall transmit the said Certificate to the Office of the Provincial Secretary, within three months after such marriage shall be solemnized, to be by him recorded; and shall also transmit a duplicate of such Certificate, within the same period to the Clerk of the Peace in the County or District in which such Marriage shall be solemnized as aforesaid, to be by him entered in a Record to be kept for that purpose: and the Secretary of the Province shall be entitled to receive for such Registry and Certificate, two shillings and six-pence, and no more.

Certificate of Marriage-

V. *And be it further enacted,* That a copy of such Certificate, duly certified by the proper Officer, shall be received and taken to be good evidence to prove the solemnization of such marriage in all Courts of Law and Equity in this Province.

Certificate received as evidence.

VI. *And be it further enacted,* That no other or greater fees shall be taken, on the granting such Licences than those heretofore taken for Marriage Licences; and that the Clerk of the Peace who shall Record such Certificate of Marriage, and grant a certified Copy, shall be entitled to two shillings and six-pence for such service, and no more.

Fees.

By whom Marriage may be solemnized.

Provided always, That no License granted under this Act, nor any thing herein contained, shall authorize, or be deemed to authorize, any person or persons whatsoever to solemnize any Marriage or Marriages, excepting Clergymen of the Established Church of England, Clergymen of the Church of Scotland, Clergymen of the Church of Rome, and such Dissenting Ministers as have been regularly ordained according to the rules of the respective Sects to which they belong, and who shall be the officiating settled Minister of some Congregation in this Province. *Provided also,* That no License, granted under this Act, shall authorize any Clergyman or Minister, dissenting from the established Church, to solemnize any Marriage or Marriages, unless the Man or Woman named in such License shall belong to the Congregation or religious Sect of the Clergyman, or the dissenting Minister, who shall perform

perform the Marriage Ceremony, excepting in those Districts and Townships of the Province where there shall be no resident Clergyman of the established Church.

VII. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall be of any force or effect until His Majesty's Pleasure shall be known thereon.

His Majesty's
assent required

CAP. XVII.

An ACT for Incorporating certain Persons therein mentioned, for Insuring Houses, Buildings, Goods, Wares and Merchandises, from loss and damage by Fire.

WHEREAS, James Fraser, George Grassie, James Foreman, John Pryor, John Albro, John Merrick, Michael Tobin, and sundry other Persons, are desirous of forming a capital or joint Stock, for the purpose of making insurance upon houses, buildings, stores, goods and merchandises, within this Province, from loss and damage by fire. And Whereas it is conceived that it would be advantageous to the said Persons, and all others who might from time to time unite with them, and also to the Public, if they were incorporated under certain restrictions and regulations for the purpose aforesaid:

Preamble.

I. *BE it therefore enacted,* by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of this Province, to incorporate the said James Fraser, George Grassie, James Foreman, John Pryor, John Albro, John Merrick and Michael Tobin, as Directors, and all and every person or persons, who in their own right, or as executors, administrators or assigns, of the original proprietors, at any time or times hereafter, shall have, and be entitled to any part, share or interest, in the said capital or joint stock, as Members, to be one Body Politic and Corporate, in deed and in name, by the name of The Halifax Fire Insurance Company, and by that name to have succession, and to have a common seal, with power from time to time to chuse, from among themselves, their President, Vice-President, and other Officers, as by the said Letters Patent shall be directed; and by that name to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all Courts and places within the Province of Nova-Scotia, with power to make bye laws, rules and ordinances, not contrary to the law of the land, for and concerning the admitting of Members, and the regulation and general management of the business of the said Corporation, and to assemble together, when, where, and as often, and upon such notice, as to them shall seem meet, for the execution and management of the said business of the said Corporation.

Persons incor-
porated, by the
name of the Ha-
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pany.

Succession.

Seal.

Officers.

May sue and be

sued.

Make bye Laws,

&c.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That the said James Fraser, George Grassie, John Pryor, John Albro, John Merrick, and Michael Tobin, shall be Directors as aforesaid, for the period of one year from the date of the said Letters Patent; at the expiration of which time, and annually thereafter, two shall go out according to such rules as shall be established by the said Corporation in their General Meeting, and two others shall be chosen in their stead from the

Directors.

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