

No. XXIII.

REGISTRATION
OF
MARRIAGES &c.An Act for the better ensuring the Registration
of Marriages Baptisms and Burials. [19th
November, 1839.]

Preamble.

5 Wm. IV. No. 2.

3 Victoria No. 7.

Every Minister
Priest or Clergyman
to transmit certifi-
cates of all mar-
riages baptisms or
burials to the Regis-
trar of the Supreme
Court within one
month under a
penalty not exceed-
ing £10.

5 Wm. IV. No. 22.

Copies of Register
Books formerly sent
to Registrar of
Archdeacon's Court
to be now sent to the
Bishop of Australia's
Registrar.

6 Geo. IV. No. 21.

Bishop's Registrar
entitled to same fees
and subject to same
duties and liabilities
as Archdeacon's
Registrar formerly
was.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Governor and Legislative Council of the Colony of New South Wales passed in the fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth intituled “*An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain Marriages had and solemnized within the Colony of New South Wales and to regulate the registration of certain Marriages Baptisms and Burials*” it was among other things provided That certificates of all marriages baptisms or burials solemnized or performed by any ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland or Priest or Minister of the Roman Catholic Church shall be transmitted to the Registrar of the Supreme Court and whereas by an Act passed in the present year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria intituled “*An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain Marriages had and solemnized within the Colony of New South Wales by Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Society and to regulate the registration of certain Marriages Baptisms and Burials*” it was among other things provided That certificates of all marriages baptisms or burials solemnized or performed by any ordained Minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Society shall be transmitted to the Registrar of the Supreme Court and whereas it is expedient to fix a penalty for the neglect or omission to transmit such certificates respectively in the manner by said Acts required Be it enacted That every Minister Priest or Clergyman who under the said recited Acts or either of them is required to transmit a certificate of marriage baptism or burial to the Registrar of the Supreme Court and shall neglect so to do within one calendar month after the solemnization or performance of any such ceremony or who being duly required to deliver any such certificate shall refuse or neglect so to do shall be liable for every such offence to forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten pounds to be recovered and levied in the manner provided by an Act of the said Governor and Council passed in the fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth intituled “*An Act to regulate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace*” and the penalty or sum so received or recovered and levied shall be paid to the use of Her Majesty for the public uses of said Colony and in support of the Government thereof.

2. And whereas by an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth intituled “*An Act for better regulating and preserving Parish and other Registers of Births Baptisms Marriages and Burials in New South Wales and its Dependencies including Van Diemen's Land*” the copies of certain Register Books therein mentioned are required to be transmitted to the Registrar of the Archdeacon's Court and whereas the Archdeacon's Court has been discontinued since the establishment of the Bishoprick of Australia Be it therefore enacted That the copies of the Register Books kept by Clergymen of the Church of England and required by the said recited Act to be transmitted to the Registrar of the Archdeacon's Court shall in future be transmitted to the Registrar of the Bishop of Australia who shall be subject to the same duties and liabilities and entitled to the same fees as the Registrar of the Archdeacon's Court would be subject and entitled to under the said recited Act.