

and in order, as much as possible, to warn persons so travelling that there is a hole or opening at or near such bushes.

II. Any person or persons making holes or openings in the ice on any bay, river, creek or inlet in this Island, without marking the same as in the last preceding section provided and directed, shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding two pounds, nor less than ten shillings and costs of prosecution, to be recovered, on the oath of one credible witness, before any Justice of the Peace for the County where the offender or offenders may reside, which said fine, if not paid within six days after the same shall have been adjudged to be paid by such Justice, be levied on the goods and chattels of the person or persons offending, and in default of such goods and chattels, or goods and chattels sufficient to pay the fine and costs adjudged as aforesaid, such Justice of the Peace shall commit the said offender or offenders to Jail, by warrant, in the usual form, under his hand and seal, for such period as such Justice shall ordain, not exceeding one calendar month.

III. One half such fine or penalty shall, if recovered, be paid into the Treasury of this Island, for the use of Her Majesty's Government, and the other half to the person prosecuting the offender.

An Act to amend and explain the Act passed in the second year of His Majesty King William the Fourth relating to the celebration of marriages, so far as the same relates to the Bible Christian Church.

[Passed 24th April, 1868.]

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that every Clergyman or minister of the sect of Christians known as Bible Christians, or the Bible Christian Church, upon producing to the Lieutenant Governor or other Commander-in-Chief for the time being, satisfactory proof of his appointment, ordination or constitution, and that he is actually employed by the said denomination or sect, and receiving a certificate to that effect under the hand and seal of the Lieutenant Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, shall hereafter have power and authority to solemnize marriage either by license from the Lieutenant Governor, or after publication of banns in his church, chapel or other place of public worship, on three successive Sundays during divine service. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent any Clergyman or Minister regularly ordained, or appointed ac-

ording to the rules and regulations of the said Bible Christian Church, and having spiritual charge of a congregation within this Island, from solemnizing marriage according to the forms of the said Bible Christians, or Bible Christian Church, without having obtained such certificate as is hereinbefore mentioned.

II. All marriages which have been heretofore solemnized within this Island, by any Clergyman or Minister of the said Bible Christian Church, or the said sect of Bible Christians, either by virtue of license from any Lieutenant Governor or Commander-in-Chief of this Island, or by publication of banns, or otherwise, where the parties so married have cohabited together, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be legal and valid, and the issue of all such marriages are hereby made legitimate to all intents and purposes whatsoever, providing the parties so married shall not have been within the degrees of kindred prohibited by the Imperial statute passed in the thirty-second year of King Henry the Eighth, intituled "An Act concerning precontracts and touching degrees of consanguinity."

An Act for the Incorporation of Societies for the sale and distribution of Seed Grain on credit.

[Passed April 24th, 1868.]

WHEREAS certain persons in this Island have formed themselves into clubs or societies for the sale and distribution of seed grain on credit, to persons not having the means of procuring the same at seed time, and it is necessary that such clubs or societies as are now formed, or may hereafter be formed for the said purposes, be incorporated from time to time, as such clubs may be formed: Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:—

I. Societies or clubs, for the sale of seed grain, on credit, as aforesaid, may be formed by any number of persons, not less than nine in number.

II. The persons forming, or having formed any such society, shall make and severally sign a certificate or minute, which shall contain the name of the society, the names of the members thereof, and their respective residences, the quantity of grain each party has respectively contributed, or intends to contribute, and that the society is formed for the purpose mentioned in this Act. And the said certificate or minute shall be registered in the office of the Prothonotary, or Deputy Prothonotary of the