

first countersigning the said several blank licenses with his proper name of office, and taking a receipt from each clerk for the number of licenses so delivered; and from and after the said first day of May next, the said respective clerks shall grant to all and every person and persons who shall apply for the same, one of the said licenses, properly filled up and signed by them, and sealed with the seal of their respective offices.

Clerks to
return a list,
&c.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said respective clerks shall, on or before the first day of May, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, and on or before the same day in every year thereafter, return to the treasurer of their respective shore a list of all the marriage licenses granted by them during the preceding year; and each and every of the said clerks shall forthwith pay to the said treasurer the sum of twenty-five shillings current money for each and every license which shall have been before delivered to him in blank, unless the said respective clerks shall entitle themselves to an allowance, by producing such of the said blank licenses as the said clerks may not have granted; and if any of the said licenses shall be returned in blank to the said treasurer, then the said respective clerks shall only pay the sum of twenty-five shillings for each and every of the said blank licenses as shall not be so returned on the settlement of their account as aforesaid.

Penalty for
neglecting
to apply,
&c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That if any of the said clerks shall not annually apply to the treasurer of their respective shore for blank marriage licenses on or before the said first day of May, in the manner directed by this act, every such clerk, so neglecting or refusing to apply, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars for every offence.

And for not
returning a
list, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if any of the said clerks, so having received blank marriage licenses, as herein before directed, shall refuse or neglect to return to the treasurer of their respective shore, on or before the first day of May annually, a list of all the marriage licenses granted by them respectively during the preceding year, and account for and pay to the said treasurer the sum of twenty-five shillings current money for each and every license by them so granted, the said treasurer shall forthwith charge the clerk or clerks so neglecting or refusing with the whole amount of blank licenses which shall have been before delivered to such clerk or clerks, at the said rate of twenty-five shillings for every of the said blank licenses, and shall immediately thereafter prosecute a suit at law against such clerk or clerks for the same, in which it shall be sufficient to declare for so much money had and received for the use of the state, and the receipt of such clerk shall be competent evidence to entitle the state to a recovery, and a trial