



Registration of Births, &c. (Ireland) Bill.

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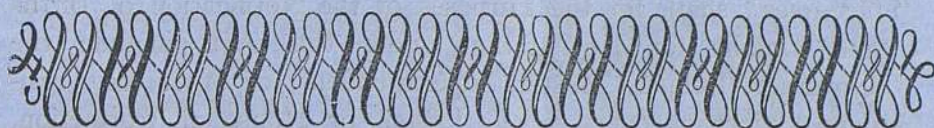
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SCHEDULE.



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TO

Provide for the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in Ireland.

WHEREAS it is expedient that a complete System of Preamble.
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages should be
established in Ireland : Be it enacted by the Queen's most
Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords
5 Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament
assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows :

I. The following Words and Expressions shall, in construing this Interpretation Clause.
Act, be taken and understood to have the Meanings hereby assigned
to them, unless there be something in the Context repugnant to such
10 Construction ; (that is to say,)

The Words " Lord Lieutenant " shall mean and include the Lord
Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for
the Time being :

" Registrar General " shall mean the Registrar General of Births,
15 Deaths, and Marriages in Ireland for the Time being appointed
or to be appointed under this Act, and (in case of the Illness
of the Registrar General) shall also mean and include the
Assistant Registrar General for the Time being appointed or
to be appointed under this Act :

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" Occupier "

“Occupier” shall, for the Purposes of the Notification of Births and Deaths for Registration under this Act, include the Governor, Keeper, Master, Superintendent, or other chief resident Officer of every Gaol, Prison, or House of Correction, and of every Workhouse, Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, or other Public or Charitable Institution, and where any House is let in separate Apartments or Lodgings, shall include the Householder paying Rent for the whole House under whom such Lodgings or separate Apartments are immediately held, and any Agent or Servant of such Householder residing in such House: Every Word importing the Singular Number or the Masculine Gender only shall be understood to include, and shall be applied to several Persons, Matters, or Things, as well as One Person, Matter, or Thing, and Females as well as Males respectively.

Registrar General.

General
Register
Office to be
provided.

Registrar
General to
be appointed.

Registers,
&c. to be
transferred
to the Registrar
General
appointed
under this
Act.

Assistant
Registrar
General may
be appointed.

II. In order to provide the Means for a general Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, the Lord Lieutenant shall cause a proper Office to be provided in the City of Dublin, to be called the “General Register Office,” and shall appoint for the said Office a fit and competent Person to be the Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in Ireland, who shall hold Office during the Pleasure of the Lord Lieutenant, and be removable by him; and the Lord Lieutenant shall from Time to Time fill up any Vacancy in the Office of Registrar General; and all Registers, Books, Forms, and Documents belonging or appertaining to the Office of Registrar General of Marriages under the Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Eighty-one, shall be transferred to the Person who may be appointed under the Authority of this Act to the Office of Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, immediately on the Appointment of such Person: Provided always, that the Person who shall at the Date of the passing of this Act hold the Office of Registrar General of Marriages under the said Act shall, if the Lord Lieutenant think fit, be appointed to the Office of Registrar General under this Act.

III. The Registrar General shall have Power, subject to the Approval of the Lord Lieutenant, to appoint by Writing under his Hand a fit Person to act as his Assistant in the Case of the Illness of the Registrar General; and every such Assistant, while so acting, shall have all the Powers and Duties and be subject to all the Provisions and Penalties declared by the said Act and this Act, for Marriages and for registering Births, Deaths, and Marriages in Ireland, except that such Assistant

tant shall not have Power to make or declare any general Rule, or to rescind or alter any Order, Regulation, or Approval, signified by the Registrar General, or made by the Registrar General in Writing under his Hand, or to dismiss any Person from any Office holden during the
5 Pleasure of the Registrar General.

IV. The Registrar General shall cause to be made a Seal of the said General Register Office, and shall cause to be sealed or stamped therewith all certified Copies of Entries given in the said Office; and all certified Copies of Entries purporting to be sealed or stamped
10 with the Seal of the said General Register Office, and which Seal it shall not be necessary to prove, shall be received as Evidence of the Birth, Death or Marriage to which the same relates, without any further or other Proof of such Entry, and no certified Copy purporting to be given in the said Office shall be of any Force or Effect
15 which is not sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

Certified
Copies given
at General
Registry
Office to be
sealed.

V. It shall be lawful for the Registrar General, with the Consent of the Lord Lieutenant in Council, to alter the Schedules annexed to this Act and the Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Eighty-one, regard being always had to the Objects
20 and Purposes of this Act, and to rendering the same more effectual; and such Alterations of Schedules shall be published in the "Dublin Gazette," and shall, within *Fourteen* Days after the same shall have been issued, be laid before both Houses of Parliament, or, if Parliament shall not be then sitting, within *Fourteen* Days after the Meeting
25 of the then next Session.

Registrar
General
may alter
Schedules.

VI. It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or the Registrar General, subject to the Approval of the Lord Lieutenant, to appoint such and so many Officers, Clerks, and Servants as may from Time to Time be necessary for carrying on the Business of the General Register
30 Office, and the Persons so appointed shall hold their respective Offices during the Pleasure of the Registrar General: Provided always, that all Officers, Clerks, and Servants who may be employed in the Business of the General Register Office at the Time of the passing of this Act shall, if the Registrar General think fit, be employed in the
35 Business of the General Register Office under this Act as if their original Appointment under the said recited Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of Her Majesty had been made under the Authority of this Act.

Officers,
Clerks, and
Servants to
be appointed.

VII. The Registrar General and the Officers, Clerks, and Servants
40 shall receive such Salaries as shall be from Time to Time appointed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, so that the Salary

Salaries of
Registrar
General,
Officers, &c,

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ury.

of the Registrar General shall not exceed *One thousand* Pounds per Annum, and that the Salaries of the Officers, Clerks, and Servants shall be in fit Proportion according to the Duties which they may be respectively required to perform; and all such Salaries and all other Expenses of carrying this Act into execution not herein 5 otherwise provided for to be paid out of local Rates shall be paid out of any Moneys which may from Time to Time be provided by Parliament for that Purpose; and the Salary so to be appointed for the said Registrar General shall be deemed to include the Remuneration for all Duties which the said Registrar General is or may here- 10 after be appointed or required to perform.

Regulations
to be made
for Manage-
ment of
Office and
Duties of
Officers.

VIII. The Lord Lieutenant, or the Registrar General with his Approbation, shall and may from Time to Time make Regulations for the Management of the General Register Office and for the Discharge of the Duties of the Registrar General, Officers, Clerks, and Servants 15 of the said Office, and of the Superintendent Registrars and Registrars herein-after mentioned, so that such Regulations be not contrary to the Provisions of this Act; and the Regulations so made and approved shall be binding on the Registrar General and the Officers, Clerks, and Servants of the said Office, and on the Superintendent 20 Registrars and Registrars herein-after mentioned; and a Copy of all such Regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within *Six Weeks* after the same shall be made or approved of as aforesaid, or if Parliament shall not be then sitting, within *One Month* after the Commencement of the next Session. 25

Registrar
General
to furnish
to Boards of
Guardians
Notices set-
ting forth
Acts re-
quired to be
done under
this Act.

IX. The Registrar General shall, before the *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty*, furnish to the respective Guardians of every Union printed Notices, which the said Guardians shall, as soon as conveniently may be after the Receipt thereof, cause to be fixed or placed on the Outside of the several 30 Church and Chapel Doors, or other public and conspicuous Buildings or Places within their respective Unions, and which said Notices shall specify the several Acts required to be done by Persons who may be desirous of registering Marriage, or the Birth of any Child, or the Death of any Person under the Provisions of this Act. 35

Fees re-
ceived by
Registrar
General to
be paid into
Bank of
England to
Credit of
Exchequer.

X. All Fees or other Sums received by the Registrar General under the Provisions of this Act shall be accounted for and paid by the Registrar General, at such Times as the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall from Time to Time direct, into the Bank of England to the Credit of Her Majesty's Exchequer, according 40 to the Provisions of an Act passed in the Session held in the Fourth and Fifth Years of His late Majesty, intituled "An Act to regulate
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“ the Office of the Receipt of His Majesty’s Exchequer at Westminster.”

XI. The Registrar General shall once in every Year transmit to the Lord Lieutenant a general Abstract of the Numbers of Births, Deaths, and Marriages registered during the foregoing Year, in such Form and at such Date as the Lord Lieutenant shall from Time to Time prescribe, and every such annual general Abstract shall be laid before Parliament within *One Month* after Receipt thereof, or if Parliament shall not be then sitting, within *One Month* after the Commencement of the next Session.

Abstract of Registers to be laid annually before Parliament.

XII. The Registrar General shall cause Indexes of all the said certified Copies of the Registers to be made and kept in the General Register Office, and every Person shall be entitled to search the said Indexes between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Four in the Afternoon of every Day, except Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, and to have a certified Copy of any Entry in the said certified Copies of the Registers; and for every general Search of the said Indexes shall be paid the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*, and for every particular Search the Sum of *One Shilling*; and for every such certified Copy the Sum of *Two Shillings and Sixpence* shall be paid to the Registrar General or such other Officer as shall be appointed for that Purpose on his Account, in addition to the Stamp Duty of One Penny imposed by an Act of the present Session, Chapter Fifteen.

Indexes to be kept at General Register Office; Searches allowed and certified Copies given. Fees.

Superintendent Registrars and Registrars.

XIII. Every Union which shall have been formed by the Poor Law Commissioners under the Provisions of the Acts for the Relief of the destitute Poor in Ireland shall, from and after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty*, be a Superintendent Registrar’s District: Provided that in the event of any Alteration having been or being hereafter made in the Boundaries of any of the said Unions, or in the event of the Registrar General considering it expedient for the better Execution of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Registrar General to make such Alterations in the Boundaries of any Superintendent Registrar’s District as he may, subject to the Approval of the Lord Lieutenant, deem expedient and proper.

Superintendent Registrar’s District.

XIV. It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, if he shall think fit, to appoint to the Office of Superintendent Registrar for any District under the Provisions of this Act the Clerk of the Union for the Time being, who shall, if he shall think fit to accept such Office, and have such Qualifications

Appointment of Superintendent Registrar.

fications as the Registrar General may by any general Rule declare to be necessary, be the Superintendent Registrar of such District; and in the event of his Refusal or Disqualification to act in that Capacity, the Lord Lieutenant shall appoint a Person with such Qualifications as aforesaid to be the Superintendent Registrar of such District: 5
 Provided that every such Superintendent Registrar shall hold his Office during the Pleasure of the Registrar General.

Registrar's
Districts.

XV. Each Dispensary District of a Poor Law Union shall, with the Approval of the Registrar General, be a Registrar's District for the Purposes of this Act, but it shall be lawful for the Registrar General 10
 to subdivide any such Dispensary District into Two or more Registrar's Districts if he shall think fit to do so, and every such Registrar's District shall be called by a distinct Name; and in the event of any Alteration being made in the Boundaries of any such Dispensary District, or in the event of the Registrar General considering it expedient 15
 for the better Execution of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Registrar General to make such Alterations in the Boundaries of any Registrar's District as he may, subject to the Approval of the Lord Lieutenant, deem expedient and proper.

Registrar's
Districts and
Alterations
thereof to be
published.

XVI. The Registrar's Districts of each Union, and every Alteration 20
 of any such Registrar's District, shall be published by the Registrar General within the Union and elsewhere, as may be deemed necessary, in such Manner as the Registrar General shall think proper.

Appoint-
ment of
Registrars.

XVII. It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, if he shall think fit, to appoint the Medical Officer for the Time being of each Dispensary 25
 District, if not subdivided as aforesaid, to be the Registrar of the said District if he shall think fit to accept such Office and if the Registrar General shall approve; and in any Case in which the Medical Officer shall not accept the said Office, or the Registrar General shall not approve his Appointment, or in which there are Two Medical Officers in 30
 One Dispensary District, or in which the Registrar General shall subdivide the Dispensary District as aforesaid, the Lord Lieutenant shall appoint a Registrar or Registrars for such District or Districts, and every such Registrar shall hold his Office during the Pleasure of the Registrar General. 35

Officers of
Unions and
Dispensary
Medical
Officers
ceasing to
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Offices to

XVIII. In every Case in which any Clerk of a Union or any Medical Officer of a Dispensary District shall hold Office under this Act, and shall cease to be Clerk of the Union or Medical Officer of the Dispensary District, he shall cease to hold his Office under this Act; and in every such Case and in every Case in which any Superintendent 40
 Registrar or Registrar shall be removed by the Registrar General from

from his Office under this Act, Notice of such Removal shall be forthwith given by Advertisement in some Newspaper circulating in the County or Counties wherein the District for which such Officer may act shall be, and every such Person shall thenceforth cease to hold his Office under this Act.

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under this
Act.

XIX. Every Superintendent Registrar and Registrar shall, subject to the Approval of the Registrar General, appoint by Writing under his Hand a fit Person to act as his Deputy in case of the Illness or unavoidable Absence of such Superintendent Registrar and Registrar, and every such Deputy Registrar while so acting shall have all the Powers and Duties and be subject to all the Penalties herein declared concerning Superintendent Registrars and Registrars, and in case of the Death or Resignation of the Superintendent Registrar or Registrar shall act as Superintendent Registrar or Registrar until another Superintendent Registrar or Registrar is appointed; and every Superintendent Registrar or Registrar shall be civilly responsible for the Acts and Omissions of his Deputy.

Deputy
Registrars
to be ap-
pointed.

XX. In every Case in which any Superintendent Registrar or Registrar shall die or be removed from or otherwise cease to hold his Office, all Register Boxes, Keys, Books, Documents, and Papers in his Possession as such Superintendent Registrar or Registrar, or which shall come into the Possession of his Representatives, shall be given as soon as conveniently may be to his Successor in Office; and if any Person shall refuse to give up any such Box, Key, Book, Document, or Paper in such Case as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the County or other Jurisdiction where such Person shall be or reside, upon Application made for that Purpose, to issue a Warrant under his Hand and Seal for bringing such Person before any Two Justices of the Peace for the said County or other Jurisdiction; and upon such Person appearing or not being found it shall be lawful for such Justices to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if it shall appear to the Justices that any such Box, Key, Book, Document, or Paper is in the Custody or Power of any such Person, and that he has refused or wilfully neglected to deliver the same, the said Justices shall commit such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County or Jurisdiction, there to remain without Bail until he shall have delivered up the same, or until Satisfaction shall have been given in respect thereof, to the Person in whose Custody the same ought to be; and the said Justices may grant a Warrant to search for any such Box, Key, Book, Document, or Paper, as in the Case of stolen Goods, in any Dwelling House or other Premises in which any credible Witness shall prove upon Oath before them that there is reasonable Cause to suspect the

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same to be ; and the same when found shall be delivered to the Person in whose Custody they ought to be.

Superintendent Registrars and Registrars to reside in their Districts.

XXI. Every Superintendent Registrar and every Registrar and Deputy Registrar shall reside or have a known Place of Business within the District for which he is appointed, and shall cause his Name, with the Addition of Superintendent Registrar or Registrar of Births and Deaths, or Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths (as the Case may be) for the District for which he is so appointed, to be placed on some conspicuous Place on or near the outer Door of his Dwelling House or known Place of Business ; and every Superintendent Registrar shall cause to be printed and published in his District a List of the Names and Places of Abode or known Places of Business of every Registrar of Births and Deaths under his Superintendence, and also his own Name and Place of Abode or known Place of Business.

Certified Copies of Registers of Births and Deaths to be sent half-yearly, and the Register Books, when filled, to the Superintendent Registrar.

XXII. In the Months of *July and January*, on such Days as shall from Time to Time be appointed by the Registrar General, every Registrar shall make and deliver to the Superintendent Registrar of his District, on durable Materials, a true Copy, certified by him under his Hand, according to the Form (E.) to this Act annexed, of all the Entries of Births and Deaths in the Register Book kept by him since the last Certificate, the First of such Certificates to be given in the Month of *July in the Year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one*, and to contain all the Entries made up to that Time, and the Superintendent Registrar shall examine the same, and if found to be correct shall certify the same under his Hand to be a true Copy ; and if there shall have been no Birth or Death registered since the Delivery of the last Certificate, the Registrar shall certify the Fact, and such Certificate shall be delivered to the Superintendent Registrar as aforesaid and be countersigned by him ; and the Registrar shall keep safely each of the said Register Books until it shall be filled, and shall then deliver it to the Superintendent Registrar, to be kept by him with the Records of his Office.

Indexes to be made at every Superintendent Registrar's Office, and Persons allowed to Search them.

XXIII. Every Superintendent Registrar shall cause Indexes of the Register Books in his Office to be made and kept with the other Records of his Office, and every Person shall be entitled at all reasonable Hours to search the said Indexes, and to have a certified Copy of any Entry or Entries in the said Register Books, under the Hand of the Superintendent Registrar, on Payment of the Fees herein-after mentioned ; (that is to say,) for every general Search the Sum of *Five Shillings*, and for every particular Search the Sum of *One Shilling*, and for every certified Copy the Sum of *Two Shillings and Sixpence*, in addition to the Stamp Duty of One Penny imposed by an Act of the present Session, Chapter Fifteen.

XXIV. Every

XXIV. Every Superintendent Registrar and Registrar appointed under the Provisions of this Act, shall be freed and exempted from serving on any Jury or Inquest, and from every Parochial and Corporate Office whatever.

Exemption of Superintendent Registrar and Registrar from serving on Juries, &c. 1 Vict. c. 22. s. 18.

- 5 XXV. Every Superintendent Registrar shall, *Twice* in every Year, on such Day as shall be named for the Purpose by the Registrar General, send to the Registrar General all the certified Copies of the Registers of Births and Deaths which he shall have received from the Registrars of Births and Deaths as aforesaid
- 10 during the *Six* Calendar Months next preceding such Days of Transmission respectively, and also certified Copies of the Registers of Marriages which he shall have received from any Roman Catholic Clergyman, in pursuance of the Provisions of this Act; and the Registrar General, if it shall appear by Interruption of the regular
- 15 Progression of Numbers or otherwise that the Copy of any Part of any Book has not been duly delivered to him, shall procure, as far as possible, consistently with the Provisions of this Act, that the same may be remedied and supplied; and the certified Copies so sent to the General Register Office shall be thereafter kept in the said Office
- 20 in such Order and Manner as the Registrar General, under the Direction of the Lord Lieutenant, shall think fit, so that the same may be most readily seen and examined.

Superintendent Registrars to send certified Copies of Registers of Births, Deaths, and Marriages to the General Register Office.

Fees.

- XXVI. Every Superintendent Registrar shall make out an Account
- 25 *Twice* in every Year of the Number of Entries in such certified Copies so sent by him to the Registrar General as provided by this Act, and shall send the said Account to the Registrar General; and if on Examination and Comparison with the certified Copies of the Registers or Certificates received by the Registrar General such Account shall
- 30 be found correct, the Superintendent Registrar shall be entitled to receive *Twopence* from the Registrar General for every Entry in such certified Copies of Registers of Births and Deaths.

Superintendent Registrars to be paid for the certified Copies sent to General Register Office.

- XXVII. Every Registrar shall make out an Account *Twice* in every Year of the Number of Births and Deaths which he shall
- 35 have registered in pursuance of the Provisions of this Act since the last Account, and the Superintendent Registrar shall verify and sign the same; and the Guardians of the Union in which he shall be Registrar, on Production of the said Account so verified and signed, shall pay to the said Registrar out of the Moneys in their Hands or
- 40 Power as such Guardians such Sums as he shall be entitled to receive on the said Account, according to the following Scale; (that is to say,) *One Shilling* for every Entry of Births or Deaths in each Year;

Registrars to make out Accounts half-yearly.

Guardians to pay Registrars.

and the said several Sums shall be charged to the Electoral Division or Divisions constituting the Dispensary District in which such Births or Deaths respectively shall have occurred.

Fee to
Registrars.

XXVIII. Every other Person required by the Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Eighty-one, or by this Act, to keep a Register of Marriages in duplicate, and to forward certified Copies thereof to the Registrar of Marriages under the said recited Act, or to the Superintendent Registrar under this Act, shall be entitled to receive *Sixpence* for every Entry in such certified Copies; and all such last-mentioned Sums shall be paid by the Guardians of each Union out of the Moneys coming into their Hands or Power as such Guardians.

Register Office.

Register
Office to be
provided
by the
Guardians.

XXIX. The Guardians of each Union shall provide and uphold, out of the Moneys coming into their Hands or Control as such Guardians, a Register Office, according to a Plan to be approved by the Lord Lieutenant and Registrar General, for preserving the Registers to be deposited therein as herein-after provided; and the Care of the said Office and the Custody of the Registers deposited therein shall be given to the Superintendent Registrar of the Union.

Guardians
may borrow
Money for
providing
Register
Offices.

1 Vict. c. 22.
s. 19.

XXX. For the better enabling fit Register Offices to be provided, it shall be lawful for the Boards of Guardians, with the Approval of the Lord Lieutenant, to borrow Money for that Purpose, and to charge the Amount of the Sum borrowed on the future Rates of the Union of which they are Guardians, in the Manner provided by the Acts for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland with respect to Money borrowed under the Provisions of said Acts.

If Guardians
neglect to
provide a
Register
Office, Lord
Lieutenant
may provide
one.

1 Vict. c. 22.
s. 20.

XXXI. In any Case in which any such Board of Guardians shall neglect or refuse to provide and uphold a Register Office according to the Provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, on the Application of the Registrar General, to give Directions for providing and upholding the same, and to expend a Sum not exceeding *Two hundred Pounds* as the Registrar General, with the Approval of the Lord Lieutenant, shall determine, in providing the same, and also all Sums needful for the Repair and Maintenance thereof from Time to Time, in case the Guardians shall continue to refuse or neglect to repair and uphold the same; and it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant to make an Order from Time to Time on such Guardians for the Repayment, out of the Monies coming into their Hands as such Guardians, of all Sums so to be from Time to Time expended; and such Order shall be binding upon the said Guardians,

Guardians, and the Guardians shall also be bound to pay, out of the Monies coming into their Hands as such Guardians, all Costs and Expenses incurred by or under the Direction of the Lord Lieutenant in making and enforcing such Order.

- 5 XXXII. Until a Register Office shall be provided in any Superintendent Registrar's District, the Superintendent Registrar shall appropriate some fit Room or Rooms, to be approved by the Registrar General, as the Superintendent Registrar's Office of that District.

Substitute for Register Office until same is provided.
1 Vict. c. 22. s. 21.

Supply of Books and Boxes.

- 10 XXXIII. The Registrar General shall furnish to every Superintendent Registrar for the Use of the Registrars in his District a sufficient Number of strong Iron Boxes to hold the Register Books to be kept by each such Registrar; and every such Box shall be furnished with a Lock and Two Keys and no more, and One of such Keys shall be
15 kept by the Registrar and the other by the Superintendent Registrar; and the Register Books of each District while in custody of the Registrar and not in use shall be always kept in the Register Box, which shall always be left locked.

Iron Boxes for Register Books to be provided by Registrar General.

- 20 XXXIV. Upon the Application of the Registrar General, there shall be furnished to him from Time to Time, from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, all such Stationery, Books, Indexes, Certificates, Schedules, Notices, and Forms as shall be necessary in the Execution of this Act, or the Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of Her Majesty,
25 Chapter Eighty-one, as the said Registrar General shall require and direct; and the said Register Books shall be of durable Materials, and in them shall be printed on each Side of every Leaf the Heads of Information herein required to be known and registered of Births, Deaths, and Marriages respectively; and every Page of each of such Books shall
30 be numbered progressively from the Beginning to the End, beginning with Number One, and every Place of Entry shall be also numbered progressively from the Beginning to the End, beginning with Number One, and every Entry shall be divided from the following Entry by a printed Line.

Register Books to be provided.

- 35 XXXV. The Registrar General shall furnish to every Superintendent Registrar, for the Use of the Registrars in his District, a sufficient Number of Register Books of Births, and Register Books of Deaths, and of Forms for certified Copies thereof, as herein-before provided, and shall also furnish to the Roman Catholic Priest or other principal Officiating Clergyman of every Roman Catholic Parish in
40 Ireland a sufficient Number in Duplicate of Marriage Register Books and Forms for certified Copies thereof as herein-after provided.

Register Books and Forms to be furnished by Registrar General.

Registration of Births and Deaths.

Registrar to
learn and
register
Births and
Deaths.

XXXVI. Every Registrar shall, subject to the Regulations to be made under this Act, be and he is hereby authorized and required to inform himself carefully of every Birth and Death which shall happen within his District after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty*, and to learn and register as soon after the Event as conveniently may be done, and without Fee or Reward, save as herein provided, in One of the said Register Books the Particulars required to be registered according to the Forms (A.) and (B.) hereunto annexed respectively touching every such Birth or every such Death, as the Case may be, every such Entry being made in order from the Beginning to the End of the Book as aforesaid.

Parents and
others re-
quired to
give Parti-
culars of
Birth within
Forty-two
Days.

XXXVII. The Father of any Child born in Ireland after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty*, or, in case of the Death or Inability of the Father, the Mother of such Child, and in case of the Death or Inability of the Parents, the Occupier of the House or Tenement in which to his or her Knowledge such Child was born, or the Nurse or other Person present at the Birth of such Child, shall, within *Forty-two Days* next after the Day of such Birth, and under a Penalty not exceeding *Twenty Shillings* in case of Failure, to be paid by each Person making Default, shall attend personally and give to the Registrar of the District within which such Child shall have been born full Information, to the best of his or her Knowledge and Belief, of the several Particulars required to be registered touching such Birth, and shall, in presence of the Registrar, sign the Entry thereof to be made by him as herein-before directed; and in case of Failure or Neglect so to give Information such Parents and Persons above specified shall, upon being required personally or by written Requisition of the Registrar, within *Three Calendar Months* after the Date of such Birth, and under a Penalty not exceeding *Forty Shillings* in case of Failure, attend personally and give Information to the Registrar of the District in which such Birth occurred, according to the best of his or her Knowledge and Belief, of the several Particulars required to be registered touching the Birth of such Child, and shall sign the Register in the Presence of the Registrar.

Notice to be
given of the
finding of
any new-
born Child
or dead
Body.

XXXVIII. In case any Person shall find exposed any new-born Child or any dead Body, such Person shall forthwith give Notice of the finding of the same and of the Place where the same was found to the Registrar of the District in which the same shall have been found, and any such Person failing to give the Notice hereby required shall be

be liable to a Penalty not exceeding *Twenty Shillings*; and the Registrar shall register, after proper Inquiry, all the several Particulars required to be known and registered touching the said Birth or Death.

XXXIX. If any Child of an Irish Parent shall be born at Sea on
 5 board of a British Vessel after the said *Thirty-first Day of December*
One thousand eight hundred and sixty, the Captain or Commanding
 Officer of the Vessel on board of which the said Child shall have been
 born shall forthwith make a Minute of the several Particulars herein-
 before required to be inserted in the Register touching the Birth of
 10 such Child, so far as the same may be known, and the Name of the
 Vessel wherein the Birth took place, and shall, on the Arrival of such
 Vessel in any Port of the United Kingdom, or by any other earlier
 Opportunity, send a Certificate of the said Minute through the Post
 Office to the Registrar General, who shall file the same and enter a
 15 Copy thereof under his Hand in a Book to be kept for that Purpose in
 "The General Register Office," to be called the "Marine Register
 Book," and shall keep the said Book with the other Registers
 according to the Provisions of this Act.

Registry of
 Children
 born at Sea.

XL. After the Expiration of *Three* Calendar Months following the
 20 Birth of any Child it shall not be lawful for any Registrar to register
 such Birth save as herein-after provided; that is to say, in case the Birth
 of any Child shall not have been registered according to the Provisions
 herein-before contained, it shall be lawful for any Person present at
 the Birth of such Child, or for the Father or Mother or Guardian
 25 thereof, to make in Writing a solemn Declaration, in presence of the
 Registrar of the District within which such Child shall have been born,
 which Declaration the said Registrar is hereby authorized to admin-
 ister, of the Particulars required to be known touching the Birth of
 such Child according to the best of his or her Knowledge and Belief,
 30 and it shall be lawful for the said Registrar to register the Birth of the
 said Child according to the Information contained in the said Declara-
 tion, and in every such Case the Person making the said Declaration
 shall sign the Entry of the Birth as Informant; and for every such
 Registry as last aforesaid the Registrar shall be entitled to have a
 35 Fee of *Two Shillings and Sixpence* from the Person requiring the
 Birth to be registered; and no Register of any Birth shall be given
 in Evidence to prove the Birth of any Child, except in the Case
 of a Child born at Sea, wherein it shall appear that *Three* Calendar
 Months have intervened between the Day of the Birth and the
 40 Day of the Registration of the Birth of such Child, unless the
 Person signing as Informant shall have made a Declaration before
 a Registrar as herein required; and the Registrar shall forward
 all such Declarations to the Superintendent Registrar; and every

As to Re-
 gistry after
 the Expira-
 tion of Three
 Months from
 Birth.

Person who shall knowingly register or cause to be registered the Birth of any Child otherwise than is herein-before last mentioned, after the Expiration of *Three* Calendar Months following the Day of the Birth of such Child, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding *Five Pounds*.

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Name given
in Baptism
may be
registered
within Six
Months after
Registration
of Birth.

XLII. If any Child born in Ireland, whose Birth shall have been registered as aforesaid, shall within *Six* Calendar Months next after it shall have been so registered have any Name given to it in Baptism, the Parent or Guardian of such Child, or other Person procuring such Name to be given, may at any Time within such *Six* 10 Calendar Months procure and deliver to the Registrar or Superintendent Registrar in whose Custody the Register of the Birth of the Child may then happen to be a Certificate according to the Form (D.) to this Act annexed, or to the like Effect, signed by the Clergyman, Minister, or officiating Person who shall have per- 15 formed the Rite of Baptism, which Certificate he is hereby required to deliver whenever, within *Six* Calendar Months, the same shall be demanded, on Payment of the Fee of *One Shilling*, which he shall be entitled to receive for the same; and the said Registrar or Superintendent Registrar, as the Case may be, upon Receipt of such 20 Certificate, and on Payment of the Fee of *One Shilling*, which he shall be entitled to receive for the same, shall, without any Erasure of the original Entry, forthwith register therein that the Child was baptized by such Name; and the said Registrar or Superintendent Registrar shall thereupon certify upon the said Certificate the ad- 25 ditional Entry so made, and shall forthwith send the said Certificate through the Post Office to the Registrar General; and whenever a baptismal Name shall have been added to an Entry of Birth subsequently to the Transmission to the General Register Office of the return of certified Copies containing such Entry, a duly certified Copy 30 of such Entry containing the baptismal Name shall in like Manner be sent to the Registrar General.

Persons
present at
Death to
give Infor-
mation
thereof to
Registrar.

XLIII. The nearest Relatives or Persons present at the Death or in attendance during the last Illness of any Person dying in Ireland after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand* 35 *eight hundred and sixty*, or some One or more of them, or the Occupier of the House or Tenement in which such Death took place, or if the Occupier be the Person who shall have died, then some One or more of the Persons residing in the House in which such Death took place, shall, within *Eight* Days next after the Day of such Death, and under 40 a Penalty not exceeding *Twenty Shillings* in case of Failure, to be paid by each Person making default, attend personally and give Information to the Registrar of the District in which such Death occurred,

occurred, to the best of his or her Knowledge and Belief, of the several Particulars required to be registered touching such Death, and shall, in presence of the Registrar, sign the Entry thereof as aforesaid; and in the event of Failure or Neglect so to give Information, such Persons as aforesaid, or if such Death shall not have taken place within a House, then any Person present at such Death, or having a Knowledge of the Circumstances attending the same, shall, upon being required personally or by written Requisition, within *Fourteen Days* after the Date of such Death, and under a Penalty not exceeding *Forty Shillings* in case of Failure, to be paid by each Person making default, attend personally and give Information to the Registrar of the District in which such Death occurred, according to the best of his or her Knowledge and Belief, of the several Particulars required to be registered touching such Death, and shall sign the Entry thereof as aforesaid in the Presence of the Registrar; and in every Case in which an Inquest shall be held on any dead Body after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty* the Jury shall inquire of the Particulars herein required to be registered concerning the Death, and the Coroner shall communicate the Finding of the Jury in Writing under his Hand to the Registrar, and the Registrar shall make the Entry accordingly: Provided that the Coroner shall not be required to sign as Informant; and the Registrar shall state in the Entry of such Death that the Information was received from the Coroner, and shall transmit all such Informations to the Superintendent Registrar, who shall send the same to the Registrar General, who shall preserve such Informations with the Records of his Office.

XLIII. The Medical Person who shall have been in attendance during the last Illness and until the Death of any Person dying after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty* shall within *One Calendar Month* after the Death of such Person, and under a Penalty not exceeding *Forty Shillings* in case of Failure, to be paid by such Medical Person making default, transmit to the Registrar a Certificate of such Death in the Form (F.) to this Act annexed, the Particulars of which shall be by him entered in the Registers; and all such Certificates shall be transmitted with the Registers to the Superintendent Registrar; and the Registrar shall from Time to Time furnish, gratis, to every duly qualified Medical Practitioner within his Sub-District, the necessary Forms of such Certificate, which the Registrar General shall cause to be printed and forwarded from Time to Time to every Registrar for that Purpose.

XLIV. If any of Her Majesty's Irish Subjects shall die at Sea on board of a British Vessel after the said *Thirty-first Day of December*

Medical
Attendant
to transmit
Certificate
of Death to
Registrar.
17 & 18 Vict.
c. 80. s. 41.

Registry of
Persons
dying at Sea.

One thousand eight hundred and sixty, the Captain or Commanding Officer of the Vessel on board of which such Death shall have happened shall forthwith make a Minute of the several Particulars herein-before required to be inserted in the Register touching such Death, so far as the same may be known, and the Name of the Vessel 5 wherein the Death took place, and shall, on the Arrival of such Vessel in any Port of the United Kingdom, or by any other sooner Opportunity, send a Certificate of the said Minute through the Post Office to the Registrar General, who shall file the same and enter a Copy thereof, under his Hand, in the Marine Register Book, and keep the 10 same with the other Registers according to the Provisions of this Act.

Register to
be signed by
the Inform-
ant.

XLV. Every Person by whom the Information contained in any Register of Birth or Death under this Act shall have been given shall sign his Name, Qualification, and Place of Abode in the Register; and no Register of Birth or Death according to this Act shall be given in 15 Evidence which shall not be signed by some Person professing to be the Informant, and to be such Party as is herein required to give such Information to the Registrar.

Registration of Roman Catholic Marriages.

Marriage
Registers
to be kept in
duplicate.

XLVI. Every Roman Catholic Clergyman, immediately after 20 every Office of Matrimony lawfully solemnized by him, after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty*, shall register or cause to be registered in duplicate, in Two of the said Marriage Register Books, the several Particulars relating to that Marriage, according to the Form (C.) of the Schedule to this Act 25 annexed; and every such Entry shall be signed by such Roman Catholic Clergyman and by the Parties married, and by Two Witnesses, and shall be made in order from the Beginning to the End of each Book, and the Number of the Place of Entry in each duplicate Marriage Register Book shall be the same. 30

Duplicates
and certified
Copies of
Registers
of Marriages
to be sent to
Superinten-
dent Regis-
trar.

XLVII. Every such Roman Catholic Clergyman shall, in the Months of *July and January* respectively, make and deliver to the Superintendent Registrar of the District in which such Chapel is situate, on One of the Forms to be furnished to him as aforesaid by the Registrar General, a true Copy, certified by him under his Hand, 35 of all the Entries of Marriages in the Register Book kept by him since the last Certificate, the First of such Certificates to be given in the Month of *July One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one*, and to contain all the Entries made up to that Time; and if there shall have been no Marriage entered therein since the last Certificate, shall 40 certify the Fact under his Hand, and shall keep the said Marriage Register Books safely until the same shall be filled; and One Copy of every

every such Register Book, when filled, shall be delivered to the Superintendent Registrar of the District in which such Chapel is situate, and the other Copy shall remain in the Custody of such Roman Catholic Clergyman, and be kept with other Registers or
5 Records of the Roman Catholic Parish.

XLVIII. It shall be lawful for every Roman Catholic Clergyman, after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty*, to ask of the Parties to be married the several Particulars herein required to be registered touching such Marriage: Provided always that when a Roman Catholic Clergyman shall have celebrated Marriage between Persons who shall have been previously joined in Marriage by a Clergyman of the United Church of England and Ireland or otherwise according to Law, or between Persons, One of whom shall not be a Roman Catholic, it shall not be necessary for
10 such Roman Catholic Clergyman to register the Marriage so celebrated by him as last aforesaid.

Clergymen, &c. may ask Parties married the Particulars required.

Penalties.

XLIX. Every Person who shall wilfully make or cause to be made, for the Purpose of being inserted in any Register of Birth, Death, or
20 Marriage, any false Statement touching any of the Particulars herein required to be known and registered, shall be subject to the same Pains and Penalties as if he were guilty of Perjury.

Penalty for wilfully giving false Information.

L. Every Person who shall refuse or without reasonable Cause omit to register any Marriage solemnized by him or which he ought
25 to register, and every Registrar who shall refuse or without reasonable Cause omit to register any Birth or Death of which he shall have had due Information, and every Person having the Custody of any Register Book or certified Copy thereof, or of any Part thereof, who shall carelessly lose or injure the same, or carelessly allow the same to
30 be injured whilst in his Keeping, shall forfeit a Sum of not exceeding *Five Pounds* for every such Offence.

Penalty for not duly registering Births, Deaths, and Marriages, or for losing or injuring Registers.

LI. Every Person who under the Provisions of this Act is required to make and deliver to any Superintendent Registrar a certified Copy of the Entries of any Births, Deaths, or Marriages registered by him,
35 or the Certificate required by this Act that there have been no Entries since the last Certificate, and who after being duly required to deliver such certified Copy or such Certificate as aforesaid shall refuse or during *One Calendar Month* neglect to do so, shall be liable for every such Offence to forfeit a Sum not exceeding *Ten Pounds*,
40 to be recovered as other Penalties for Offences against this Act are made recoverable.

Penalty for neglecting to send certified Copies of Register Books. 1 Vict. c. 22. s. 18.

Penalty for
destroying
or falsifying
Register
Books.

LII. Every Person who shall wilfully destroy or injure, or cause to be destroyed or injured, any such Register Book or any Part or certified Copy of any Part thereof, or shall falsely make or counterfeit or cause to be falsely made or counterfeited, any Part of any such Register Book or certified Copy thereof, or shall wilfully insert or 5 cause to be inserted in any Register Book or certified Copy thereof, any false or fictitious Statement relative to any Birth, Death, or Marriage, or shall wilfully give any false Certificate, or shall certify any Writing to be a Copy or Extract of any Register Book, knowing such Copy or Extract to be false or fictitious in any Part thereof, or 10 shall forge or counterfeit the Seal of the General Register Office, shall be guilty of Felony.

Recovery of
Penalties.

LIII. All Penalties by this Act imposed shall be recoverable before any Two Justices of the Peace for the County, City, or Place where the Offence shall have happened, or before any Magistrate of 15 Police of the Police District of Dublin Metropolis when the Offence shall have happened within the said District; and the Provisions of "The Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851," as the same is amended by "The Petty Sessions Clerk (Ireland) Act, 1858," shall, so far as the same are applicable, extend to the Recovery of all such Penalties as 20 aforesaid; and the Commission or Omission of any of the Acts, Matters, or Things herein-before contained, subjecting the Parties committing or omitting the same to any of the Penalties imposed by this Act, shall be deemed to be an Offence within the Twenty-second Section of the "Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851," and the said 25 Penalties shall be recoverable in the Manner by the said Act provided for the Recovery of Penalties, and shall be applied in such Manner as is provided by "The Fines Act (Ireland), 1851."

General Provisions.

Searches
may be
made and
Certificates
given by
the Persons
keeping the
Registers.

Fees.

LIV. Every Registrar and other Person who shall have the 30 keeping for the Time being of any Register Book of Births, Deaths, or Marriages wherein any Birth, Death, or Marriage shall have been registered under this Act, shall at all reasonable Times allow Searches to be made of any Register Book in his Keeping, and shall give a Copy certified under his Hand of any Entry or Entries in the same, 35 on Payment of the Fee herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,) for every Search extending over a Period not more than One Year the Sum of *One Shilling*, and *Sixpence* additional for every additional Year, and the Sum of *Two Shillings and Sixpence* for each certified Copy of every single Entry, in addition to the Stamp Duty of One 40 Penny imposed by an Act of the present Session, Chapter Fifteen.

Accidental
Errors may
be corrected.

LV. No Person charged with the Duty of registering any Birth, Death, or Marriage who shall discover any Error to have been committed

mitted in the Form or Substance of any such Entry shall be therefore liable to any of the Penalties aforesaid, if within *Three* Calendar Months next after the Discovery of such Error, in the Presence of the Parents of the Child whose Birth may have been so registered, or
 5 One of them, or of the Parties married, or of Two Persons attending upon any Person in his or her last Illness whose Death may have been so registered, or in case of the Death or Absence of the respective Parties aforesaid, then in the Presence of the Superintendent Registrar and of Two other credible Witnesses, who shall respectively attest the same,
 10 he shall correct the erroneous Entry, according to the Truth of the Case, by Entry in the Margin, without any Alteration of the original Entry, and shall sign the marginal Entry and add thereunto the Day of the Month and Year when such Correction shall be made: Provided that in the Case of a Marriage Register he shall make the like
 15 marginal Entry, attested in like Manner, in the duplicate Marriage Register Book to be made by him as aforesaid, and in every Case shall make the like Alteration in the certified Copy of the Register Book to be made by him as aforesaid, or in case such certified Copy shall have been already made, provided he shall make and deliver in
 20 like Manner a separate certified Copy of the original erroneous Entry and of the marginal Correction therein made.

LVI. Nothing herein contained shall affect the Registry of Registers of Marriages, Baptisms, or Burials as now by Law established, or the Right of any Officiating Minister to receive the Fees now usually paid, Baptisms, and Burials may be kept as heretofore.
 25 for the Performance or Registration of any Baptism, Burial, or Marriage, or in any way limit or interfere with the Power at present possessed by Roman Catholic Clergymen with regard to Marriages which they may now lawfully solemnize.

LVII. The Appointments of Registrars and Deputy Registrars Appoint-ments to be exempt from Stamp Duties.
 30 and of Superintendent Registrars and Deputy Superintendent Registrars, and the Duplicates and certified Copies of Registers, as herein provided, shall be exempt from Stamp Duties, save and except as herein-before provided. 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 86. s. 13.

LVIII. All Returns directed by the Act of the Seventh and Returns under 7 & 8 Vict. c. 81. to be made half-yearly instead of quarterly.
 35 Eighth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Eighty-one, to be made Four Times in the Year to the Registrar General shall, after the *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty*, be made *half-yearly*, in the Months of *July and January*, on such Days as shall from Time to Time be appointed by the
 40 Registrar General.

LIX. This Act shall extend to Ireland only.

Act to extend to Ireland only.

SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

FORM (A.)

1861.—BIRTHS in the *District of Kingstown* in the Union of , in the County of *Dublin*.

No.	When and where Born.	Name (if any).	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Surname and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant.	When registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptismal Name, if added after Registration of Birth.
1	6th January 1861. 6, High Street, Kingstown.	John -	Male	James Rea -	Sarah Rea, for- merly Thompson.	Carpenter -	James Rea, Father, 6, High Street, Kingstown.	10th January 1861.	John Cox.	Robert.

The Words and Figures in *Italics* to be filled in according to the Facts.

FORM (B.)

1864.—DEATHS in the *District of Kingstown* in the Union of _____, in the County of *Dublin*.

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No.	When and where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank, or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant.	When registered.	Signature of Registrar.
·1	<i>24th January 1861. 10, High Street, Kingstown.</i>	<i>James Green - -</i>	<i>Male -</i>	<i>43 Years</i>	<i>Carpenter -</i>	<i>Small Pox (certified).</i>	<i>Sarah Green, Present at Death, 10, High Street, Kingstown.</i>	<i>25th January 1861.</i>	<i>John Cox.</i>

The Words and Figures in *Italics* to be filled in according to the Facts.

FORM

FORM (C.)

1864.—MARRIAGES solemnized [*at St. Mary's Chapel*] in the County of [*Dublin*] and Union of [].

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
1	17th March 1864.	Thomas Johnston -	24	Bachelor -	Stonemason -	3, Summer Hill - -	Henry Johnston -	Builder.
		Mary Hayes - -	19	Spinster - -	- -	8, Great Britain Street -	James Hayes -	Car Owner.

Married in [*St. Mary's Chapel*] according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church _____, by
me, _____ *George Graham*, Parish Priest or Curate.

This Marriage was solemnized between us { *Thomas Johnston*
Mary Hayes } in the Presence of us { *Henry Johnston.*
James Hayes.

The Words and Figures in *Italics* to be filled in according to the Facts.

FORM

FORM (D.)

I [*Gilbert Elliott*], Curate of [*St. John's*] in the County of [*Dublin*], do hereby certify, That on the [] Day of [] 18 , I baptized, by the Name of [*Thomas*], a [*Male*] Child produced to me by [*William Green*] as the [*Son*] of [*William Green*] and [*Rebecca Green*], and declared by the said [*William Green*] to have been born at [*Kingstown*] in the County of [*Dublin*] on the [*Seventh*] Day of [*January*] 18 .

Witness my Hand this [*First*] Day of [*December*] 18 .

[*Gilbert Elliott*], Curate.

FORM (E.)

I [*John Cox*], Registrar of Births and Deaths in the [*District*] of [*Kingstown*] in the County of [*Dublin*], do hereby certify, That this is a true Copy of the Registrar's Book of Births (or Deaths) within the said [*District*], from the Entry of the Birth (or Death) of [*James Green*], No. , to the Entry of the Birth (or Death) of [*William Strange*], No. .

Witness my Hand this [*Seventh*] Day of [*March*] 18 .

[*John Cox*], Registrar.

FORM (F.)

To the Assistant Registrar of the District of ,
in the County of .

I hereby certify, That I attended , who was apparently aged or was stated to be aged Years; that I last saw him [*or her*] on the Day of 18 ; that he [*or she*] died on the Day of 18 at ; that the Cause of his [*or her*] Death was

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was

was ; and that the Disease had
continued

Witness my Hand, this Day of
One thousand eight hundred and .

(Signed)

Profession.

Residence.

[The Words in *Italics* and the Blanks for Figures in the above
Schedules to be filled in as the Case may be.]

Registration of Births, &c.

(Ireland).

(No. 2.)

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To provide for the Registration of Births,
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