

Britain, made for naturalizing Foreign protestants in his Majesty's colonies and plantations, have nevertheless omitted to avail themselves of such provisions, by reason whereof their rights and privileges as subjects, which they have been hitherto allowed to exercise and enjoy, are liable to be impeached unless relief is afforded by legislative enactment.

*Resolved*, That this house receives from his Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, with much satisfaction, the assurance, that in the opinion of his Majesty's government, it will be advisable to confer by a legislative enactment, as his Excellency has been graciously pleased to recommend, the civil rights and privileges of British Subjects upon such citizens of the United States of America, and natives of other Foreign countries resident in Upper Canada, as are in truth Aliens, although they have hitherto enjoyed without question the rights of subjects.

*Resolved*. That it appears to this house, that although the gracious intentions of His Majesty & of the Government of this Province, are sufficiently evident, and cannot but be, in the highest degree, satisfactory to the people of Upper Canada, it may nevertheless be doubted, whether those civil rights which regard the capacity of voting in the election of Members of the Assembly of this Province, or of holding a seat in either house of the Legislature, can be conferred, so as not to be liable to question, otherwise than by an act of the Imperial Parliament.