

CAP. XXVII.

An Act relating to the Naturalization of Aliens within this Province.*(Passed the 3rd day of April, 1848.)*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, made and passed in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of Her present Majesty's Reign, entitled, 'An Act for the Naturalization of Aliens,' it was enacted, that all Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, which should thereafter be made and enacted by the Legislatures of any of Her Majesty's Colonies, or Possessions abroad, for imparting to any person or persons the privileges, or any of the privileges of naturalization, to be by such person or persons exercised and enjoyed within the limits of any such Colonies and Possessions respectively, should within such limits have the force and authority of Law, provided nevertheless, that all such Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, should be made and enacted in such manner and form, and subject to, and in conformity with, all such Rules as then were, or thereafter should be in force in respect to other Laws, Statutes, or Ordinances enacted, or to be enacted by any such Legislatures respectively, and should and might be confirmed or disallowed by Her Majesty, in such and the same manner, and subject to the same Rules and Regulations as extended, or should thereafter extend, to the confirmation or disallowance of any other such Laws, Statutes, or Ordinances :

Before Naturalization Oath of Allegiance to be taken and subscribed in Duplicate.

I. *Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly,* That before any person shall become entitled to the privileges, or any of the privileges of naturalization under any Act of this Province, passed, or to be passed under the authority of the said Act of Parliament, or of any Act of Parliament in amendment thereof, such person shall take, and subscribe in Duplicate, the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and Her Successors, before the Chief Justice, or a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court for the time being, in open Court, who shall, under his hand, attest the taking and subscribing of the said Oaths ; and the Chief Justice, and Puisne Judges of the said Court for the time being, are hereby severally empowered to administer all such Oaths in open Court as often as occasion shall require.

To be entered and filed by Prothonotary and in Secretary's Office—Fees therefor, &c.

II. *And be it enacted,* That the said Oath of Allegiance, when made and subscribed, and attested, shall forthwith thereafter be entered and filed in the Court wherein the same shall be administered, by the Prothonotary, or Deputy Prothonotary, acting in the said Court, who shall also forthwith transmit the Duplicate of the said Oath of Allegiance made and subscribed, and attested as aforesaid, and authenticated under the Certificate of the said Prothonotary, or Deputy Prothonotary, and the seal of the said Court, to the Provincial Secretary, to be by him entered and filed in the Secretary's Office at Halifax ; and the said Prothonotary, or Deputy Prothonotary shall, for such services, (including the making out of such Duplicate Oath), be entitled to receive from such naturalized person a fee of Twenty Shillings ; and any such Alien to whom the privileges, or any of the privileges of naturalization shall have been imparted by virtue of any Act of this Province, after having made and subscribed such Oath of Allegiance in the manner and form herein provided, shall be entitled to receive from the Prothonotary, or Deputy Prothonotary acting for the time being in the said Court wherein the said Oath was administered, a Certificate under his hand and the seal of the said Court, that the said Oath of Allegiance had been taken, made, and subscribed by such naturalized person, in conformity with the provisions of this Act, and such Certificate shall be taken *prima facie* to be legal evidence of the making and subscribing of the said Oath agreeably hereto, and for every such Certificate, the Prothonotary, or Deputy Prothonotary granting the same, shall be entitled to a further fee of Ten Shillings.

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