

Naturalization.

Saving of
allegiance
prior to ex-
patriation.

15. Where any British subject has in pursuance of this Act become an alien, he shall not thereby be discharged from any liability in respect of any acts done before the date of his so becoming an alien.

Power of
colonies to
legislate
with respect
to natural-
ization.

16. All laws, statutes and ordinances which may be duly made by the legislature of any British possession for imparting to any person the privileges, or any of the privileges of naturalization, to be enjoyed by such person within the limits of such possession, shall within such limits have the authority of law, but shall be subject to be confirmed or disallowed by Her Majesty in the same manner, and subject to the same rules in and subject to which Her Majesty has power to confirm or disallow any other laws, statutes or ordinances in that possession.

Definition
of terms.

17. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context or subject-matter thereof,—“Disability” shall mean the status of being an infant, lunatic, idiot, or married woman.

“British possession” shall mean any colony, plantation, island, territory or settlement within Her Majesty’s dominions, and not within the United Kingdom, and all territories and places under one legislature are deemed to be one British possession for the purposes of this Act.

“The Governor of any British possession” shall include any person exercising the chief authority in such possession.

“Officer in the Diplomatic Service of Her Majesty” shall mean any Ambassador, Minister or Chargé d’Affaires, or Secretary of Legation, or any person appointed by such Ambassador, Minister, Chargé d’Affaires, or Secretary of Legation to execute any duties imposed by this Act on an officer in the Diplomatic Service of Her Majesty.

“Officer in the Consular Service of Her Majesty” shall mean and include Consul-General, Consul, Vice-Consul and Consular Agent, and any person for the time being discharging the duties of Consul-General, Consul, Vice-Consul and Consular Agent.

REPEAL OF ACTS MENTIONED IN SCHEDULE.

Repeal of
Acts.

18. The several Acts set forth in the first and second parts of the schedule annexed hereto shall be wholly repealed, and the Acts set forth in the third part of the said schedule shall be repealed to the extent therein mentioned; provided that the repeal enacted in this Act shall not affect—

1. Any right acquired or thing done before the passing of this Act.