

## AN ACT

*To Secure to and Confer upon certain Inhabitants of this Province, the Civil and Political Rights of Natural Born British Subjects.*

[Assented to by His Majesty in Council, 7th May, 1828.]

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to remove by law doubts that may have arisen as to the Civil Rights and Titles to Real Estate of some of the persons hereinafter mentioned, and to provide by some general law for the Naturalization of such persons not being by law entitled to be regarded as Natural Born Subjects of His Majesty, as are actually domiciled in this Province. Preamble.

*Be it therefore enacted*, by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province, and by the authority of the same,'"<sup>6</sup> That all persons who have at any time received Grants of Land in this Province from the Crown, and all persons who have held any Public Office in the Province under the Great Seal or Privy Seal of the Province, or under the Sign Manual of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of the Province, and all persons who have taken the Oath of Allegiance, or being of the persons who by the Laws of this Province are allowed to Affirm in Civil Cases, have made the Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty, or His Majesty's predecessors, before any person duly authorized to administer such Oath or Affirmation, and all persons who had their settled place of abode in this Province before the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty, and are still resident therein, shall be, and are hereby admitted and confirmed in all the privileges of British Birth, and shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be, and so far as respects their capacity at any time heretofore, to take, hold, possess, enjoy, claim, recover, convey, devise, impart, or transmit, any Real Estate in His Majesty's Dominions; or any right, title, privilege or appurtenance thereto, or any interest therein, to have been Natural Born Subjects of His Majesty, to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever, as if they and every of them had been born in His Majesty's United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and that the Children, or more remote descendants, of any person or persons of either Certain descriptions of persons admitted to, and confirmed in the privileges of British birth. Their children, or descendants.