

By the 9 G. 4. c. 21. the preamble of which recites, that it is expedient to remove by law, doubts that may have arisen as to the civil rights and titles to real estate, to certain persons therein 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, as were actually domiciled in this province, it is therefore enacted, as follows:—"that 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, and all persons who have taken the oath of allegiance, or made affirmation of allegiance to His Majesty or his predecessors, before any person duly authorised to administer such oath or affirmation; and all persons who had their settled place of abode in this province before the year 1820, and are still resident therein, shall be, and are thereby admitted and confirmed in all the privileges of british birth and natural-born subjects: provided, that no one (except females) who has not taken the oath, or made the affirmation of allegiance, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act, unless he shall take the said oath or affirmation before some duly authorised person."

And by § 2. it is further enacted, "that all persons actually domiciled in this province on the 1st March, 1828, not being of the description before mentioned, who shall have resided, or shall continue to reside therein, or in some other part of His Majesty's dominions, for the space of seven years continually, without having been during that time stated, resident in any foreign country, shall be deemed and taken to be natural-born subjects, as if they had been born in this province: provided, that no one of the persons described in this clause, (except females) who, at the passing of this act has been resident in His Majesty's dominions seven years continually, as aforesaid, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act, unless within three years after the passing of this act, (if at the passing of the act he shall be sixteen years of age or upwards, or if not of that age, then within three years after he shall be of that age) he shall take and subscribe the oath in the schedule to this act, marked A, or affirm to the same effect, before the register, or deputy register of some county in this province; and that no one of the persons described in this clause, who has not been resident as aforesaid, seven years continually in His Majesty's dominions, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act, unless within three years after he shall have completed a stated residence of seven years continually, as aforesaid, in His Majesty's dominions, (if at the expiration of such residence he shall be of the age of sixteen years or upwards, or if at that time not of that age, then within three years after he shall have attained that age) he shall take and subscribe such oath or make such affirmation."