

must have been granted he had not been seven years resident in the Province, I should therefore rather suppose that he may have appeared before me and have taken the oath of allegiance and obtained my Certificate of that fact, nor do I know that a Judge is authorised to grant any such Certificate as is said to have been obtained. Indeed if my recollection is correct the British Statute requires that the oath should be taken and recorded in Court. The Petition of Mr Walsley states nothing of his right now to claim the Privileges of a British Subject and as the other papers you did me the honor to enclose clearly point him out as an Alien that is a natural born subject of the United States, it would have been more correct and perhaps incumbent on him