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be deemed, adjudged and taken to be and to have been natural born subjects of Her Majesty to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if they and every of them had been born in this Province; and that the children or more remote descendants of every such person who may be 5 dead shall be and are hereby admitted to the same privileges, which such parents or ancestors, if living, could claim under this Act: Provided always nevertheless, that none of such persons (except females) who have not taken the oath or affirmation of allegiance before some of 10 Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace or other person duly authorised by law to administer the same, or who shall not be possessed of, for his own use and benefit as proprietor, by virtue of some legal title vesting such property in him, either in fee simple or in freehold, under the ten- 15 ture of free and common soccage, of lands, tenements or hereditaments, in this Province, of the clear yearly value of forty shillings, currency, over and above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, or shall be a lessee for at least three years, of lands, tenements or heredita- 20 ments, in this Province, and paying a rent of at least eleven pounds, two shillings and twopence halfpenny, currency, shall be entitled to the benefit of this Act, unless they shall take such oath or affirmation as aforesaid, and shall be possessed of lands, tenements or heredita- 25 ments, either in fee or as lessees as aforesaid; and all such aliens and persons shall henceforth hold and enjoy real estate in this Province as British Subjects are now entitled to hold and enjoy it.