

## CHAP. XLIV.

*AN ACT to extend to certain persons the Civil and Political Rights of Natural Born Subjects.*

[His Majesty's Assent to this Bill communicated to the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, by Message from His Excellency Sir John Colborne, the Eleventh day of March, 1835.]

**WHEREAS** Marcus Merrick and John Winer, in the Town of Hamilton, in the Gore District, and also Barent Staats, Samuel Stevens, and Henry Averill, the younger, of the Town of Belleville, in the Midland District, have by their several Petitions set forth that they have come into this Province with the intention of becoming subjects thereof; *And whereas* it is expedient to secure the Petitioners in their Titles to their Lands, and to confer upon them the rights and privileges of Subjects of this Province: *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, That the Titles of the said Marcus Merrick, John Winer, Barent Staats, Samuel Stevens, and Henry Averill, the younger, or either of them, or their Heir or Heirs, or either of them, respectively, to any Real Estate in this Province, shall not be impeached or held invalid, or such Estate held liable to be resumed by His Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, on account of his or their being an alien or aliens, but all and every of them the said Marcus Merrick, John Winer, Barent Staats, Samuel Stevens, and Henry Averill, the younger, shall be deemed, adjudged and taken, so far as respects their capacity at any time heretofore, or now or hereafter, to take, hold, possess, enjoy, claim, recover, convey, devise, impart or transmit, any Real Estate in this Province, or any right, title, privilege or appurtenances thereto, or any interest therein, to be and 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 this Province.

Preamble.

Petitioners names.

Their titles to real estate not to be impeached on account of their being aliens;

May hold and convey real estate, &c. as if natural born Subjects.