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An Act for the further relief of Aliens.

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THEREAS in and by the third section of an Act of Preamble. the Parliament of this Province, made and passed in the twelfth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein men- Act 12 Vict. 5 "tioned, and to make better provision for the Naturalization c. 197, cited. "of Aliens," it is (among other things) enacted that all aliens who had their settled place of abode in this Province on the 10th day of February, 1848, (not being of a certain description of persons therein men-10 tioned) and who have resided or shall continue to reside therein, or in some other part of Her Majesty's dominions, until they shall have been resident inhabitants thereof for the space of seven years continually, without having been during that time stated residents in any foreign country, 15 shall be admitted to all the privileges of British birth, and shall be deemed natural born subjects of Her Majesty; and by the fourth section of the said Act it is enacted, that every alien now residing in, or who shall hereafter come to reside in any part of this Province with intent to 20 settle therein, who, after a continued residence therein for a period of seven years or upwards, shall take the oaths or affirmation of residence and allegiance, (or the oath of affirmation of residence only if a female) and procure the same to be fyled of record as thereinafter 25 prescribed, so as to entitle him or her to a certificate of naturalization, as thereinafter provided, shall thenceforth enjoy and may transmit all the rights and capacities which a natural born subject of Her Majesty can enjoy or transmit; and whereas it is expedient to relieve aliens from 30 the obligations imposed upon them by the said in part recited Act, to reside in this Province for a certain number of years continuously before they can be admitted to exercise the rights and privileges of subjects of Her Majesty: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

35 That the said third and fourth sections of the said Act, Sections 3 and and all such other parts of the said Act as require aliens to 4, and certain reside for any given time in this Province, and as relate the said Act, to the oath of residence or the certificate of residence, repealed. and as are repugnant to this Act, be and the same are 40 hereby repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That all aliens now residing in, All aliens or who shall hereafter come to reside in any part of this residing or coming here-Province, shall be, and are hereby admitted to and con- after to reside firmed in all the privileges of British Subjects, and shall in this Pro-

Proviso; they must (except females) take the oath of hold certain property.

vince natural 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 allegiunce and 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 ure 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 heredit- 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.