Anno vicesimo nono

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act to enable His Majesty to grant Commissions to a certain Number of Foreign Protestants who have served Abroad as Officers, or Engineers, to act and rank as Officers, or Engineers, in *America* only, under certain Restrictions and Qualifications.

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for Naturalizing such Foreign Protestants, and others therein mentioned, as are settled, or shall settle, in any of His Majesty's Colonies in *America*; all Persons born out of the Ligeance of His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, who have inhabited and resided, or shall inhabit and reside, for the Space of Seven Years, or more, in any of His Majesty's Colonies in America, or shall not have been absent out of some of the said Colonies for a longer Space than Two Months at any One Time during the said Seven Years, are, upon the Conditions prescribed by the said Act, naturalized, and made Partakers of all the Benefits and Privileges which the natural-born Subjects of this Realm do enjoy, other than such as are specified in a Proviso in the said Act contained: And whereas many Foreigners, being Protestants, have been induced by the Encouragement offered to them by the said Act, to reside and settle in some of the said Colonies (and particularly in the Provinces of Maryland and Pensylvania) the natural-born Subjects of which last-mentioned Province do in great Part consist of the People called Quakers, whose Backwardness in their own Defence exposes themselves, and that Part of America, to imminent Danger: And whereas, for the better Defence of the said Colonies, it hath been proposed to raise a Regiment there, consisting of Four Battalions of One thousand Men each, and to inlist as Soldiers in the said Regiment any of the said Foreign Inhabitants of the said Colonies, who, together with the Natives, shall voluntarily enter themselves in His Majesty's Service as Soldiers; which Foreigners cannot so well be raised or trained, without the

Preamble, reciting Clause in the Act 13 *Geo.* II.

Assistance of some Officers who are acquainted with their Manners and Language: And whereas it is expedient in the present Juncture of Affairs, to facilitate the speedy raising of such Regiment, and to enable a certain Number of Foreign Protestants who have served Abroad as Officers, or Engineers, and thereby acquired Experience and Knowledge, to serve and receive Pay as Officers in the said Regiment, or as Engineers, in America; be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all such Foreign Protestants who shall receive Commissions from His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, to be Officers in the said Regiment, or to be Engineers, in America (which Commissions it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors to grant) and shall, in some of His Majesty's Colonies in America, take and subscribe the Oaths, and make, repeat, and subscribe the Declaration, appointed by an Act made in the First Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the First, intituled, An Act for the further Security of His Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess *Sophia*, being Protestants; and for extinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, his open and secret Abettors; and shall at the Time of the taking and subscribing of the said Oaths, and making, repeating, and subscribing the said Declaration, produce Certificates signed in Manner directed by the said Act of the Thirteenth Year of His present Majesty, of their having received the Sacrament in some Protestant and reformed Congregation within the Kingdom of Great Britain, or within some of the said Colonies in America, within Six Months before that Time, shall and may be enabled to serve and receive Pay as Officers in the said Regiment, or as Engineers, in America.

Foreign Protestants, who have served Abroad as Officers and Engineers, receiving the King's Commissions,

and qualifying themselves as the Act of 1 *Geo.* I. directs,

and producing Certificates of their having received the Sacrament in some Protestant Church,

to serve, and receive Pay as such.

Provided nevertheless, That the Number of such Officers in the said Regiment shall not in the whole, at any Time, exceed Fifty; nor the Number of Engineers in the whole, at any Time, exceed Twenty.

Number of Officers not to exceed 50; nor Engineers 20.

Provided also, That the Colonel of the said Regiment shall be a natural-born Subject, and not any Person naturalized or made a Denizen.

Colonel to be a natural-born Subject.

Provided also, That no such foreign Officer shall be enabled by this Act to serve as an Officer or Engineer in any Place, except America only; but every such foreign Officer, when he shall be reduced, shall be capable of receiving Half-pay, according to the Rank in which he shall then serve.

To serve in *America* only; and when reduced to have Half-pay.

FINIS.