ANNO DECIMO TERTIO

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XXV.

An Act to explain Two Acts of Parliament, One of the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty, for naturalizing ſuch Foreign Proteſtants, and others, as are ſettled, or ſhall ſettle, in any of His Majeſty's Colonies in *America*; and the other of the Second Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, for naturalizing ſuch Foreign Proteſtants as have ſerved, or ſhall ſerve, as Officers or Soldiers in His Majeſty's Royal *American* Regiment, or as Engineers, in *America*.

Preamble.



WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, (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 Allegiance of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, who shall have inhabited and resided, or shall inhabit or 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 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 by an Act, made in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, (intituled, An Act for naturalizing such Foreign Protestants as have served, or shall serve, for the Time therein mentioned, as Officers or Soldiers in His Majesty's Royal *American* Regiment, or as Engineers in *America*,) it is enacted, That all such Foreign Protestants, as well Officers as Soldiers, who have served, or shall hereafter serve, in the Royal American Regiment, or as Engineers in America, for the Space of Two Years, shall, upon the Terms required by the said recited Act, be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be His Majesty's natural-born Subjects of this Kingdom, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, as if they and every of them had been, or were, born within this Kingdom;

Act 13 *Geo.* II.

Act 2 *Geo.* III.

Kingdom; and in both which Acts respectively are contained Provisoes, That no Person who shall become a natural-born Subject of this Kingdom by virtue of the said Acts, shall be thereby enabled to be of the Privy Council, or a Member of either House of Parliament, or to be capable of taking, having, or enjoying any Office or Place of Trust within the Kingdom of Great Britain or Ireland, either Civil or Military, or of having, accepting, or taking any Grant from the Crown, to himself, or to any other in Trust for him, of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the Kingdoms aforesaid: And whereas Doubts may nevertheless arise, whether such Persons as have been, or may be naturalized under or by virtue of the said recited Acts, are capable of taking, having, or enjoying any Office or Place of Trust, either Civil or Military, or of taking any Grant of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, from the Crown whatsoever; be it enacted and declared 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 and every Person and Persons that have become, or shall become His Majesty's natural-born Subjects, by Force or Virtue of the said Acts, or either of them, are and shall be deemed to be capable of taking and holding any Office or Place of Trust, either Civil or Military, and of taking and holding any Grant of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, from the Crown, to himself or themselves, or to any other or others in Trust for him or them, as well under the Great Seal of Great Britain, as otherwise,

All Persons who have, or shall become His Majesty's natural-born Subjects, by virtue of the said Acts, are hereby deemed capable of taking and holding Places of Trust, either Civil or Military, &c.

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(other than and except Offices and Places, and Grants of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland); any Law or Act of Parliament to the Contrary notwithstanding.

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