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An Act for the Naturalization of His Serene Highness *Leopold George Frederick* Duke of *Saxe*, Margrave of *Meissen*, Landgrave of *Thuringuen*, Prince of *Cobourg* of *Saalfeld*; and settling his Precedence. [29th *March* 1816.]

WHEREAS His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, acting in the Name and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty, has, to the universal Joy and Satisfaction of His Majesty's Subjects, judged it proper that an Alliance should be contracted between the Family of His Majesty and His Serene Highness *Leopold George Frederick* Duke of *Saxe*, Margrave of *Meissen*, Landgrave of *Thuringuen*, Prince of *Cobourg* of *Saalfeld*; and has therefore, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, consented, with the full Agreement of the Parties interested, that a Marriage should be celebrated between the most High and Illustrious Princess *Charlotte Augusta*, Daughter of His Royal Highness The Prince of *Wales*, Regent of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and His Serene Highness: And whereas a more grateful Proof of the Esteem and Affection of this Kingdom cannot be given to His Serene Highness, than by an Act of Naturalization to make him capable of enjoying those Rights and Liberties which are enjoyed in this Realm: We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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

His Serene Highneſs, after taking the Oaths, ſhall be deemed a natural-born Subject.

Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That the ſaid *Leopold George Frederick* Duke of *Saxe*, Margrave of *Meiſſen*, Landgrave of *Thuringuen*, Prince of *Cobourg* of *Saalfeld*, when and ſo ſoon as he ſhall have taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy before the Lord High Chancellor, which Oaths the Lord High Chancellor is hereby authorized to adminiſter, ſhall be, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, deemed, taken, and eſteemed a natural-born Subject of this Kingdom, as if His Highneſs had been born within this Realm; any Law, Statute, Matter, or Thing whatſoever to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Certificate to be recorded in the Court of Chancery.

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Lord High Chancellor ſhall, immediately after ſuch Oaths ſhall have been taken before him, certify the ſame, and cauſe ſuch Certificate to be recorded in the High Court of Chancery.

His Majeſty to give him Precedence and Rank.

III. And be it further enacted, That when and ſo ſoon as the ſaid Marriage ſhall have been celebrated, it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, to give to the ſaid *Leopold George Frederick* Duke of *Saxe*, Margrave of *Meiſſen*, Landgrave of *Thuringuen*, Prince of *Cobourg* of *Saalfeld*, for and during the Term of His natural Life, ſuch Precedence and Rank before the Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor, and all other great Officers, and the Dukes, (other than and except the Dukes of the Blood Royal), and all other Peers of this Realm, as His Majeſty ſhall deem fit and proper; any Law, Statute, or Cuſtom whatſoever to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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