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C A P. XXIX.

An Act for enabling Her Majesty to grant the Rank of General Officers to Foreigners now bearing Her Majesty's Commission, and to permit the Enlistment of Foreigners under certain Restrictions. [12th *July* 1837.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend and continue for One Year, and until* 55 G. 3. c.85. *Twelve Months after the Termination of the present War by the Ratification of a definitive Treaty of Peace, Two Acts of His present Majesty, for enabling Subjects of Foreign States to enlist and serve as Soldiers in His Majesty's Service; and to enable His Majesty to grant Commissions to Subjects of Foreign States to serve as Officers, under certain Restrictions*, it is provided, that nothing in that Act contained should extend to any Officer not being a natural-born Subject of His Majesty, or entitled to the Rights and Privileges of a natural-born Subject of His Majesty, who should at the Time of the passing of that Act hold any Commission in any other Regiment, Battalion, or Corps in His Majesty's Service than in the said recited Acts specified, or to prevent any such Officer from continuing to hold such Commission, or to accept and receive any higher Regimental Commission in any Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of His Majesty's Forces: And whereas it hath been doubted whether the said Act may not extend to prevent Her Majesty from granting to any such

Officer any higher or other Rank or Commission than a Regimental Commission; and it is expedient that such Doubts be removed; be it enacted by the Queen'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 it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, if She shall think fit, to grant to any Officer not being a natural-born Subject of Her Majesty, but who at the Time of passing the said recited Act held Her Majesty's Commission in any such other Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of Her Majesty's Forces, and was allowed to retain the same under the Provisions of this first-recited Act, the Rank and Commission of Colonel, Major General, Lieutenant General, or General, as to Her Majesty shall seem fit, with the Pay, Emoluments, Allowances, and Advantages belonging to the Rank so granted.

Foreigners bearing Her Majesty's Commission may be promoted to the Rank of General Officers.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty to signify Her Consent, by the Secretary at War, that any Person not being a natural-born Subject or entitled to the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of Her Majesty may enlist or serve as a Soldier in Her Majesty's Service, provided that the Number of Foreigners serving together at any one Time in any Regiment, Battalion, or Corps shall not exceed the Proportion of One Foreigner for every Fifty natural-born Subjects or Men entitled to the Privileges of natural-born Subjects; and every Foreign Soldier for whom Her Majesty's Consent shall have been so obtained shall be taken to have been legally enlisted and to be legally serving: Provided also, that no such Soldier shall be capable of holding any higher Rank in Her Majesty's Forces than that of a Non-commissioned Officer.

Foreigners may enlist or serve in the Proportion of One to Fifty.

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