

the same, or the Value of it: The one Moiety thereof to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government; and the other Moiety to him or them that will seize or sue for the same: To be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information; wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed.

This Act to continue in Force, for and during the Term of Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the Expiration of Three Years.

#### An Act for Naturalization.

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Chap. VII

For the easier and speedier Investing Aliens or Foreigners with all the Rights and Privileges of any His Majesty's Natural free-born Subjects within this Province: Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governour, or Commander in Chief, of this Province, for the Time being, by a Publick Instrument, under the Broad Seal thereof, to declare any Alien or Aliens, Foreigner or Foreigners, his, her, or their Child or Children, (Negroes and other Slaves excepted) being already settled, or Inhabitants of this Province, or such as shall hereafter come to settle, reside, or plant in it, and having taken the Oaths to the Government, appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly of this Province, and subscribing the Abjuration and Test, according to the Directions of the said Act, before the Governour or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, or a Justice of the Provincial or County Court of this Province, to be, to all Intents and Purposes, fully and compleatly naturalized: And that the said Persons so approved of, and named in the said Letters Patent, as aforesaid, shall, by Virtue of this Act, have and enjoy to them, and their Heirs, the same Immunities and Rights, of and unto the Laws and Privileges of this Province, as fully and amply as any of His Majesty's natural-born Subjects have or enjoy within the same, as if they themselves had been born within any of His Majesty's Realms or Dominions; any former Law, Ordinance, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, in any-wise, notwithstanding.

And to the Intent the said Letters Patent, or Instrument, under the Broad Seal of this Province, as aforesaid, may be obtained without any great Difficulty or Charge, Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Governour or Commander in Chief, shall have and receive for the same, the Sum of Forty Shillings Current Money; and the Clerk of the Council, for Writing it, Ten Shillings.