

to administer and take) shall thereupon and thereafter be deemed, adjudged and taken, to be a natural born subject of this state, and be thenceforth entitled to all the immunities, rights and privileges, of a natural born subject of this state. July 1779, c. 6, § 2.

4. But no person becoming a natural born subject of this state by virtue of this act, shall be appointed to any civil office, or eligible as governor, member of the council, or general assembly, or as a delegate to congress, unless such person shall have resided within this state 7 years previous to such election or appointment, and shall have the property and estate required by the constitution and form of government to execute any of the said offices respectively.—*ibid.*

5. The clerk of the council shall before the session of every general court, return a list of the names of the persons who shall take and subscribe the said oath or affirmation, and make the said declaration respectively, before the governor and council, and the time when taken and made, to the clerk of the general court, to be entered by him among the minutes of the said court.—*ibid.* § 3.

6. And any judge of the general court, administering and taking the said oath or affirmation, shall return to the next general court a list of the persons who shall take and subscribe the same, and make such declaration before him, and the time taken and made, to the clerk of the general court, to be entered by him among the minutes of the said court.—*ibid.*

7. A certificate by the clerk of the council, any judge of the general court, or clerk of the general or county court, of any persons having taken and subscribed the said oath or affirmation, and having made and subscribed the said declaration, or a certificate by the clerk of the general court, that it appears by the return of any judge of the said court entered among the minutes, of any persons having taken and subscribed, &c. shall be a sufficient testimony and proof thereof, and of his being a natural born subject, and as such be allowed in every court of this state.—*ibid.* § 4.

8. No tax shall be imposed on any such foreigner, being a tradesman, artificer, or manufacturer, coming into this state, and taking and subscribing the declaration, and oath or affirmation, aforesaid, or his property, for the term of two years after his arrival in this state.—*ibid.* § 5.

9. No tax shall be imposed on such foreigner, being a tradesman, artificer, or manufacturer, coming into this state, and taking and subscribing the declaration, and oath or affirmation aforesaid, or his property, for four years after his arrival in this state.—*ibid.* § 6.