

nation, kingdom, or state, and shall, before the governor and the council, or before the general court, or any one of the judges thereof, or before any county court of this state, repeat and subscribe a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and take, repeat, and subscribe, the following oath, or affirmation, if a quaker, menonist, or dunker, to wit, " I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will hereafter become a subject of the state of Maryland, and will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the said state, and that I do not hold myself bound to yield any allegiance or obedience to any king or prince, or any other state or government", (which said oath or affirmation and subscription aforesaid respectively, the governor and the council, the general court, or any one judge thereof, or any county court, are hereby empowered to administer and take) shall thereupon and thereafter be deemed, adjudged and taken to be a natural born subject of this state, and shall be thenceforth entitled to all the immunities, rights, and privileges, of a natural born subject of this state; provided that no person who shall become 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 seven 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.

giance to be deemed natural born subjects, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That 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 the 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; 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 names of the persons who shall take and subscribe the said oath or affirmation and make the said declaration respectively before him, 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.

Lists to be returned to the clerk of the general court, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That a certificate by the clerk of the council, or by any judge of the general court, or by the clerk of the general or any county court, of any person's 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 the said oath or affirmation, and having made and subscribed the said declaration, shall be deemed and taken to be a sufficient testimony and proof thereof, and of his being a natural born subject, and as such shall be allowed in every court of this state.

Certificate by the clerk of the council, &c. a sufficient testimony, &c.

V. And, To encourage such foreigners to come and settle in this state:

VI. Be it enacted, That no tax shall be imposed on any such foreigner coming into this state, and taking and subscribing the declaration

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