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*An Act for Naturalizing Foreign Protestants.*

**W**hereas the Increase of People is a means of Advancing the Wealth and Strength of a Nation; and whereas many Strangers of the Protestant or Reformed Religion, out of a due Consideration of the happy Constitution of the Government of this Realm, would be induced to Transport themselves and their Estates into this Kingdom, if they might be made Partakers of the Advantages and Privileges which the Natural-born Subjects thereof do enjoy; 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 Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all Persons born out of the Ligeance of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, who shall take and subscribe the Oaths, and make, repeat, and subscribe the Declaration appointed by an Act made in the Sixth Year of Her present Majesty's Reign, Entituled, *An Act to make further Provision for Electing and Summoning Sixteen Peers of Scotland, so sit in the House of Peers in the Parliament of Great Britain, and for Trying Peers for Offences committed in Scotland, and for the further Regulating of Voters in Elections of Members to serve in Parliament*; which said Oaths shall be taken and subscribed, and Declaration made, repeated and subscribed in the Courts of Chancery, Queen's-Bench, Common-Pleas, or Exchequer, in Term-time in England, or in any of them, in open Court, or before the Lords of Council, and Session, or Lords of Judiciary, or Barons of the Exchequer, in open Court in Scotland, or at some General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace to be held for the County where he or they do or shall inhabit, reside or settle, between the Hours of Nine and Twelve in the Forenoon; the taking and subscribing of which Oaths, and the making, repeating and subscribing such Declaration, shall be entered on Record in the same Courts, for the doing whereof only one Shilling shall be paid; all and every such Persons shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be Her Majesty's Natural-born Subjects of this Kingdom, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, as if they, and every of them, had been, or were born within this Kingdom.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons of what Quality, Condition or Plate soever, shall be Naturalized by vertue of this Act, unless the said Person or Persons shall have received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, in some Protestant or Reformed Congregation within this Kingdom of Great Britain, within three Months before their taking the Oaths in this Act mentioned; and shall at the Time and Place of taking and subscribing the said Oaths, and of making, repeating and subscribing the said Declaration, produce a Certificate signed by the Person Admitting the said Sacrament, and Attested by two credible Witnesses, whereof an Entry shall be made of Record in the said Court, without any Fee or Reward.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Children of all Natural-born Subjects, born out of the Ligeance of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, shall be deemed, adjudged and taken to be Natural-born Subjects of this Kingdom, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons born out of the Ligeance of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, who shall qualifie themselves in the Courts of Chancery, Queen's-Bench, Common-Pleas or Exchequer, within the Kingdom of Ireland, or at some General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, to be held for the

County where he or they do or shall inhabit, reside or settle within the said Kingdom, in like manner as Persons are by this Act required to do, within the Kingdom of Great Britain; all and every such Persons shall be deemed, adjudged and taken to be Her Majesty's Natural-born Subjects of the said Kingdom of Ireland, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, as if they, and every of them, had been, or were born within the said Kingdom of Ireland.

*At the Court at St. James's, March 31.* This Day, by Her Majesty's Command, *Abraham Stanyan, Esq;* was Sworn one of the Clerks of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council in Extraordinary, pursuant to an Act passed the last Session of Parliament in that behalf Entituled, *An Act for Rendering the Union of the two Kingdoms more Entire and Compleat.*

*Venice, March 25. N. S.* The Project of diminishing the value of our Money was found, upon mature Deliberation, to be attended with so many Inconveniences, that it is wholly laid aside. The last Letters which we have received from Constantinople, confirm the Advice that the Kan of the Tartars was Deposed, and his Brother exalted to his Dignity. They add, that all things were in the utmost Tranquility at Constantinople, and no Preparations making for any Enterprize by Sea or Land. All the Arts which have been used to interrupt the Peace with the Christians have proved ineffectual; and the Ottoman Court has declared a Resolution to preserve it inviolably. They write from Rome, that the Marquis de Prié is very urgent with the Pope, to demand of the 15 Cardinals to come to a Resolution concerning the Acknowledgment of King Charles; and that the Cardinals, as often as they are applied to on that occasion, continue to refer the Decision of it to the Pope himself. His Holiness appears very much alarmed upon the Receipt of Advice, that the Duke of Modena, instead of disbanding his Troops, is raising new Levies with great Diligence. We hear from Naples, that the Troops designed for Catalonia, together with their Ammunition and Provisions, were embarked; and that Admiral Whitaker, accompanied by several Officers belonging to the Fleet under his Command, went from Naples to Baya on the 9th Instant, in order to set Sail as soon as the Wind should present. Cardinal Grimani has given his Enlargement to Julius Cæsar de Sanctis, who has been so remarkable for many Actions under the Name of Scarpaglia. He had been Prisoner for some time, and lain under an Accusation of having committed great Disorders, and ravaged the Estates of several great Lords at the beginning of the late Revolution: But it appeared, that he had only done what was absolutely necessary for carrying on the Interests of King Charles against Persons disaffected to his Service.

*Hague, April 9. N. S.* Prince Eugene of Savoy, accompanied by the Earl of Albemarle, arrived here Yesterday. The Prince will reside at his Lordship's House during his stay in this Place. His Highness has visited the President of the Weck, and had a very long Conference this Morning with the Pensioner. He designs to morrow to Consult also the Deputies of the States upon some important Affairs. The Merchants of Amsterdam have made very pressing Applications, to have the Edict against the Money-Bills of France revoked, and represented that many of their Citizens must otherwise be ruined. The Province of Frize have made a Present of a Hundred Thousand Florins to the Prince of Nassau, their Stadtholder, upon his Marriage to the Princess of Hesse Cassel.

*Hague, April 10. N. S.* On the 7th Instant, about four in the Afternoon, his Grace the Duke of Marlborough embarked on Board the Peregrine Galley at Deal, and sailed that Evening with a Convoy of six Men of War, and a fair Wind, towards the Coast of Holland; but the Weather proved so foggy the next Morning, that

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