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## C A P. LXXXIII.

### An Act for the Naturalization of Aliens.

[22d *July* 1847.]

WHEREAS by divers Acts, Statutes, or Ordinances enacted by the Legislatures of divers of Her Majesty's Colonies or Possessions abroad Provision hath been made for imparting to divers Aliens there resident the Privileges or some of the Privileges of Naturalization, to be exercised and enjoyed within the respective Limits of such Colonies and Possessions respectively: And whereas Doubts have arisen as to the Competency of the said Legislatures to enact any such Laws, Statutes, or Ordinances, and as to the Validity of the same when so enacted, and it is expedient that such Doubts be removed: Be it therefore and it is hereby declared and 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 all Acts, Statutes, and Ordinances heretofore made and enacted by the Legislatures of any of Her Majesty's Colonies and Possessions abroad for imparting to any Person or Persons the Privileges or any of the Privileges of Naturalization, to be by such Person or Persons exercised and enjoyed within the respective Limits of such Colonies or Possessions respectively, shall within such Limits have and be taken and reputed to

All Acts, &c. of Colonial Legislatures imparting Privileges of Naturalization valid.

to have had from the Time of the Enactment thereof respectively all such and the same Force and Effect as doth by Law belong to any other Law, Statute, or Ordinance made or enacted by any such respective Legislatures.

All Laws, &c. hereafter made imparting Privileges of Naturalization valid, but subject to Confirmation or Disallowance by Her Majesty.

II. And be it and it is hereby enacted and declared, That all Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances which shall hereafter be made and enacted by the Legislatures of any of Her Majesty's Colonies or Possessions abroad for imparting to any Person or Persons the Privileges or any of the Privileges of Naturalization, to be by any such Person or Persons exercised and enjoyed within the Limits of any such Colonies and Possessions respectively, shall within such Limits have the Force and Authority of Law, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding: Provided nevertheless, that all such Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances shall be made and enacted in such Manner and Form, and subject to and in conformity with all such Rules as now are or hereafter shall be in force in respect of other Laws, Statutes, or Ordinances enacted or to be enacted by any such Legislatures respectively, and shall and may be confirmed or disallowed by Her Majesty in such and the same Manner, and subject to the same Rules and Regulations as extend or as shall hereafter extend to the Confirmation or Disallowance of any other such Laws, Statutes, or Ordinances.

7 & 8 Vict. c. 66. not to extend to Colonies or Possessions abroad.

III. And whereas a certain Act was made and enacted in the Seventh and Eighth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to Aliens:* And whereas Doubts have arisen whether the said recited Act of the Seventh and Eighth Year of Her Majesty's Reign extends to and is in force in Her Majesty's Colonies or Possessions abroad; now it is hereby further enacted and declared, That the said recited Act of the Seventh and Eighth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, or any Part of it, doth not extend to the said Colonies or Possessions, or to any of them.

Act may be amended, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any other Act of this present Session of Parliament.

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