ANNO QUINTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 11.

AN ACT for enabling the Governor to grant Letters of Denization in certain cases.

WHEREAS it is expedient that encouragement should be given to respectable persons being Foreigners of settling in this Province and such persons might be induced to come here with their properties if permitted to become partakers of the privileges enjoyed by natural born subjects of Her Majesty. Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency George Grey Esquire Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of South Australia and its dependencies by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, That it shall be lawful for the Governor for the time being to grant at any time Letters of Denization under the seal of the Government to any person being an alien born upon the signification of Her Majesty’s pleasure to that effect through one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State or upon such alien having resided within this Province for seven years and upwards or having emigrated to this Province with any letter of recommendation in his or her behalf from Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies. Provided that every such person shall apply for such letters by petition addressed to the said Governor setting forth the fact of such residence or the intention of the petitioner to settle in this Province and also his or her nation country age and profession or other usual occupation.

II. And
II. And be it Enacted That every person who shall receive such letters of denization shall thenceforward be qualified to hold lands and other real estates in the said Province and its Dependencies and to accept any grant or grants from the Crown or Resident Colonial Commissioner of any such land or other real estate and to hold any office or place of trust within this Province and its dependencies (other than as a Member of the Executive or Legislative Council) and shall be entitled to other the rights privileges and advantages within this Province and its Dependencies (except as aforesaid) which are enjoyed by natural born subjects of Her Majesty. Provided always That such person shall within one calendar month next after the date of such Letter of Denization take and subscribe the oath of allegiance supremacy and adjuration or (if a Roman Catholic) the oath prescribed by the Act intituled “An Act for the Relief of Her Majesty’s Roman Catholic Subjects” which said oath or oaths any Judge of the Supreme Court of this Province is hereby empowered to administer.

III. And be it Enacted That the judge before whom any such oath shall have been taken shall immediately afterwards certify the same upon the back of the said Letters of Denization which certificate so endorsed shall be recorded in the said Court and a certified copy thereof and of such Letters of Denization by the Registrar General shall be in every Court within the Province and its Dependencies as sufficient proof of such Letters having been duly granted as aforesaid and of such oath and declaration having been duly made and taken. And for recording such Letters of Denization the person to whom the same shall have been so granted shall pay to the said Registrar a fee of twenty shillings and for every such certified copy a like fee of twenty shillings and no more.

GEORGE GREY,
Governor of South Australia.

Passed the Council this Fourteenth day of February One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-two.

A. M. MUNDY,
Clerk of Council.
1842
5th Victoria

6th Victoria

Acts of Denization
Disallowed.