

No. VI.

An Act for enabling the Governor or Acting Governor of New South Wales to grant Letters of Denization to such Foreigners as may arrive in the Colony with a recommendation to that effect from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

[3rd July, 1828.]

DENIZATION.

WHEREAS it is expedient that due encouragement should be given to all respectable persons who may be desirous of settling in the Colony of New South Wales. And whereas foreign officers who have been employed in the service of Great Britain and other strangers and subjects of foreign powers might be induced to come with their properties to the said Colony if they were enabled to become partakers of the advantages and privileges which the natural-born subjects of His Majesty enjoy. Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice of the Legislative Council That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Acting Governor of the said Colony to grant Letters of Denization under the seal of the Colony to all such foreign officers or persons as shall arrive in the said Colony with a recommendation to that effect from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies. Provided every such foreign officer or person shall apply for such Letters of Denization by petition addressed to the Governor or Acting Governor for the time-being setting forth the intention of the petitioner to settle in the said Colony and also his native country his age profession trade or usual occupation.

2. And be it further enacted That every person who shall receive Letters of Denization in virtue of this Act shall be deemed to be qualified to hold lands in the said Colony and its Dependencies and shall be entitled to all the rights privileges and advantages in the said Colony which are conferred by ancient usage or by any Act of Parliament now in force upon any denizen in England. Provided that such person shall within one calendar month after the date of such Letters of Denization have taken and subscribed the oaths and have subscribed the declaration directed and appointed in and by a certain Act passed in the first year of the reign of His Majesty King George the first intituled "An Act for the further Security of His Majesty's Person and Government and the Succession of the Crown "in the Heirs of the late Princess Sophia being Protestants and for "extinguishing

Governor to
grant Letters of
Denization.

Proviso.

Oaths to be taken
within one month.

Gunpowder.

“extinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales and his “open and secret Abettors” and which said oaths and declaration the Chief Justice or either of the other Judges of the Supreme Court of New South Wales is hereby required and empowered to administer and receive in manner and form as in the said Act is prescribed.

3. And be it further enacted That the said Chief Justice or other Judge before whom such oaths shall have been taken and such declaration shall have been subscribed as aforesaid shall immediately afterwards certify the same upon the back of the said Letters of Denization and shall cause such Letters of Denization and the certificate so to be endorsed thereon to be recorded in the Supreme Court of the said Colony and a certificate of such record shall be deemed and taken in every Court within the said Colony and its Dependencies to be a sufficient proof of the person to whom such Letters of Denization shall have been granted as aforesaid being a denizen subject of Great Britain to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Letters of Deni-
zation to be recorded
in the Supreme
Court.