

No. XVII.

DE MESTRE'S
NATURALIZATION.

An Act to Naturalize Prosper De Mestre. [30th August, 1825.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS Prosper de Mestre a citizen of the United States of America hath been for some time resident in the Colony of New South Wales and is desirous of settling therein And whereas it is expedient that certain of the advantages and privileges which are enjoyed by His Majesty's natural-born subjects should be extended to him the said Prosper de Mestre Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice of the Council that when and so soon as the said Prosper de Mestre shall have taken and subscribed the oaths and shall 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 the Hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales and his open and secret Abettors*" (which said oath and declaration the Chief Justice 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) and when and so soon as the said Prosper De Mestre shall have complied with all other the provisions in the said Act contained and enjoined he the said Prosper De Mestre shall thereupon be deemed taken and esteemed a natural-born subject of Great Britain and be entitled to all the rights privileges and advantages which are conferred on foreign Protestants by the said Act or by any other Act of Parliament now in force for naturalizing such foreign Protestants and others as are settled or shall settle in any of His Majesty's Colonies in America save and except only the holding or exercising of any place or office of trust in the Courts of Law or what relates to the Treasury of the said Colony or its Dependencies.

Oaths to be taken
and declaration to
be subscribed as
directed by 1 Geo. I.

To be administered
and received by the
Chief Justice.

2. And be it further enacted that the said Chief Justice shall immediately after such oaths shall have been taken and such declaration subscribed before him as aforesaid certify the same and cause the certificate thereof to be recorded in the Supreme Court of the said Colony and such certificate shall be deemed and taken to be a sufficient proof of the said Prosper De Mestre being a natural-born subject of Great Britain to all intents and purposes whatsoever save and except as aforesaid and as such shall be allowed in every Court within the said Colony and its Dependencies.

The Chief Justice to certify that the oaths and declaration have been taken and subscribed and to cause such certificate to be recorded in the Supreme Court.