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Congreſs of the United States:

AT THE SECOND SESSION,

Begun and held at the City of New-York, on Monday the Fourth of January, one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety.

Chap 3.

An ACT *to eſtabliſh an uniform Rule of Naturalization.*

BE *it enacted by the* SENATE *and* HOUSE *of* REPRESENTATIVES *of the United States of America, in Congreſs aſſembled*, That any alien, being a free white perſon, who ſhall have reſided within the limits and under the juriſdiction of the United States for the term of two years, may be admitted to become a citizen thereof, on application to any Common Law Court of Record, in any one of the States wherein he ſhall have reſided for the term of one year at leaſt, and making proof to the ſatisfaction of ſuch Court, that he is a perſon of good character, and taking the oath or affirmation preſcribed by law, to ſupport the Conſtitution of the United States, which oath or affirmation ſuch Court ſhall adminiſter, and the Clerk of ſuch Court ſhall record ſuch application, and the proceedings thereon; and thereupon ſuch perſon ſhall be conſidered as a citizen of the United States. And the children of ſuch perſon ſo naturalized, dwelling within the United States, being under the age of twenty-one years at the time of ſuch naturalization, ſhall alſo be conſidered as citizens of the United States. And the children of citizens of the United States that may be born beyond ſea, or out of the limits of the United States, ſhall be conſidered as natural born citizens: *Provided*, That the right of citizenſhip ſhall not deſcend to perſons whoſe fathers have never been reſident in the United States: *Provided alſo*, That no perſon heretofore proſcribed by any State, ſhall be admitted a citizen as aforeſaid, except by an act of the Legiſlature of the State in which ſuch perſon was proſcribed.

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG,
Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives.

JOHN ADAMS, *Vice-Preſident of the United States, and Preſident of the Senate.*

APPROVED, March 26th, 1790.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, *Preſident of the United States.*

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