

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada*, passed in the year 1836. Toronto: Robert Stanton, 1836.

6 William IV – Chapter 36 (Session 2)

**An Act to extend to certain persons the Civil and Political Rights of Natural-born Subjects. (The Royal Assent to this Bill promulgated by Proclamation, bearing date the Twenty-seventh day of October, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-five.)**

Whereas Erastus Holmes Spalding, Abner Barnard, both of Blenheim, in the London District; Alvin Turner, of Zorra, in said District; Frederick Alin Spalding, Hinks Gross, of Blenheim, in the London District aforesaid; Amos Norton, of the Town of York; Eliakim Field, of Gosfield, in the Western District, Elisha Hayward of the Town of York; Jean Petit Pont de la Haye, of York aforesaid; Brooks Bowman, Philander H. Bowman, of Oxford West, in the London District aforesaid; and Moses Maynard, the younger, of Brockville, in the Johnstown District, have by their several petitions set forth, that they have come into this province with the intention of becoming subjects thereof: an whereas, it is just and expedient to secure the Petitioners in their Titles to their Lands, and to confer upon them the rights and privileges of Subjects of this Province: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,'" and by the authority of the same, That the titles of the said Erastus Holes Spalding, Abner Barnard, Alvin Turner, Frederick Alin Spaling, Hinks Gross, Amos Norton, Eliakim Field, Elisha Hayward, Jean Petit Pont de la Haye, Brooks Bowman, Philander H. Bowman, an Moses Maynard, or any or either of them, or the Heir or Heirs of any of them respectively, to any real estate in this Province, shall not be impeached or held invalid, or such estate held liable to be resumed by His Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, on account of his or their being an Alien or Aliens, but all and every of them the said Erastus Holmes Spalding, Abner Barnard, Alvin Turner, Frederick Alin Spalding, Hinks Gross, Amos Norton, Eliakim Field, Elisha Hayward, Jean Petit Pont de la Haye, Brooks Bowman, Philander H. Bowman, an Moses Maynard, shall be deemed, adjudged an taken, an so far as respects their capacity at any time heretofore, or now, or hereafter, to take, hold, possess, enjoy, claim, recover, convey, devise, impart or transmit, any real estate in this Province, or any right, title, priviledge or appurtenances thereto, or any interest therein, to be and to have been Natural-born Subjects of His Majesty, to all intents, constructions an purposes whatsoever, as if they and every of them had been born in this Province.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That after a residence of seven years within this Province, without having been absent more than two months at any one time, so soon as the said Erastus Holmes Spalding, Abner Barnard, Alvin Turner, Frederick

Alin Spalding, Hinks Gross, Amos Norton, Eliakim Field, Elisha Hayward, Jean Petit Pont de la Haye, Brooks Bowman, Philander H. Bowman, and Moses Maynard, shall respectively have taken and subscribe the oath hereinafter inserted, or being of the persons allowed to affirm, have made the affirmation hereinafter mentioned, before some person duly authorized to administer the oath contained in an Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the ninth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to secure an to confer upon certain Inhabitants of this Province the Civil and Political Rights of Natural-Born British Subjects," they the said Erastus Holmes Spalding, Abner Barnard, Alvin Turner, Frederick Alin Spalding, Hinks Gross, Amos Norton, Eliakim Field, Elisha Hayward, Jean Petit Pont de la Haye, Brooks Bowman, Philander H. Bowman, an Moses Maynard, shall be and are hereby admitted and confirmed in all the Privileges of British Birth within this Province.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the persons hereinbefore mentioned shall severally take and subscribed the following oath or affirmation:-- I, A. B. do sincerely promise and swear, (or affirm as the case may be,) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Sovereign of the Unite Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of this Province, as dependant thereon – So help me God!