

CAP. VI.

An Act to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province.

[Assented to 18th December, 1854.]

Preamble.

12 V. c. 197.

WHEREAS it is expedient to shorten the period of continued residence required by the fourth section of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the Naturalization of Aliens*, on the part of Aliens not coming within the scope of the second and third sections of the said Act, before such Aliens are entitled to become naturalized subjects of Her Majesty: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

Period of residence required for naturalization shortened.

I. The Act cited in the preamble, shall hereafter be construed and have effect as if the period limited for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned in the fourth section thereof were "five years or upwards," instead of "seven years or upwards," and the words of the oath to be taken under section five of the said Act, or in any certificate or other proceeding under the same, may be varied accordingly.

CAP. VII.

An Act to amend an Act intituled, *An Act to extend the Elective Franchise and better to define the qualifications of Voters in certain Electoral Divisions by providing a system for the registration of Voters*.

[Assented to 18th December, 1854.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS there is reason to apprehend that in many parts of this Province, the Lists of Voters required by the Act of the now last Session hereinafter cited, may not be completed by the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, so that if the said Act were brought fully into force on that day, great injustice might be done in many cases: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the

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