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An Act to naturalize the Reverend William Sharts. 18th September, 1841.

Whereas the Lutherans of Williamsburgh and Osnabruck, in the Eastern District of this Province, have secured the services of the Reverend William Sharts, as the ordained Pastor of the Lutherans, whose Congregation numbers about five hundred and fifty persons, and have by their humble petition to the Legislature, stated that as the said Reverend William Sharts is a native of the United States of America, he is incapacitated by Law to perform some of the duties of his ministerial office in solemnizing the rite of Holy Matrimony, etc. and has resided in this Province about two years, thereby being unable to avail himself of the Laws now in force relative to Aliens; and have prayed that an Act may be passed to naturalize the said Reverend William Sharts: and whereas it is expedient to grant the said prayer; 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, 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, that the titles of the said Reverend William Sharts, or his heir or heirs, or either 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 Her Majesty, Her Heirs, or Successors on account of his being an Alien; but he shall be deemed, adjudged and taken, so far as respects his 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, privilege, or appurtenances thereto, or any interest therein, to be, and to have been a natural born subject of Her Majesty, to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever as if he had been born in this Province.

II. And be it enacted, that so soon as the said Reverend William Sharts shall have taken and subscribed the oath hereinafter inserted, or being of the persons allowed to affirm, have made the affirmation hereinafter mentioned, before some persons duly authorized to administer the oath contained in an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of Upper Canada, passed in the ninth year of His late Majesty's Reign, and intituled *An Act to secure and confer upon certain Inhabitants of this Province, the civil and political rights of natural born subjects*, he shall be, and is hereby, admitted and confirmed in all the privileges of British birth within this Province.

III. And be it enacted, that the said Reverend William Sharts, shall take and subscribe 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 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of this Province as dependent thereon: So help me God."

IV. And be it enacted, that this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act, and as such shall be judicially taken notice of by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and all others whom it shall concern, without being specially pleaded.