

*Naturalization of Aliens.***No. 21 of 1890.****An Ordinance to provide for the Naturalization of Aliens.**

WHEREAS by "The Naturalization Act, 1870," being an Imperial Statute passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of Her present Majesty, it is enacted that all Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances which may be duly made by the Legislature of any British possession for imparting to any person the privileges, or any of the privileges, of naturalization to be enjoyed by such person within the limits of such possession, shall within such limits have the authority of law, but shall be subject to be confirmed or disallowed by Her Majesty in the same manner and subject to the same rules in and subject to which Her Majesty has power to confirm or disallow any other Laws, Statutes, or Ordinances in that possession: And whereas it is expedient to provide for the naturalization of aliens resident in this colony: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Preamble.

1 (1) Any person whilst actually residing in the colony may apply to the Governor in Executive Council that the privileges of naturalization may be conferred on him.

Application for naturalization should be in writing and accompanied by an affidavit.

(2) Such application shall state the applicant's age, place of birth, place of residence, profession, trade or occupation, the length of time during which he has resided within the colony, that he is permanently settled in the colony, or is residing within the same with intent to settle therein.

(3) Such application shall be in writing and signed by the applicant, and shall be accompanied by an affidavit sworn by him verifying the truth of the statements contained in the application.

2 The Governor in Executive Council may require such further information and evidence, by affidavit or otherwise, as to him may seem proper, in addition to the affidavit accompanying the application.

The Governor in Executive Council may call for further evidence;

3 The Governor in Executive Council, if satisfied with the evidence adduced, shall take the case of the applicant into consideration, and may, with or without assigning any reason, grant or refuse such application, as he thinks most conducive to the public good, and no appeal shall lie from his decision.

and may grant or refuse the application.

4 (1) If such application is granted, the Colonial Secretary shall, by notice in writing under his hand, require the applicant, within thirty days from the date of such notice, to take the oath of allegiance substantially in the form contained in the schedule hereto.

Applicant to take the oath of allegiance.

(2) Such oath may be administered by any police magistrate or justice of the peace within the limits of his jurisdiction, and the person who shall administer the

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oath shall grant to the applicant a certificate in writing of his having taken and subscribed such oath, and of the date of his taking and subscribing the same, and shall forward to the Colonial Secretary the oath so taken and subscribed, together with a duplicate of such certificate, which oath and duplicate certificate shall be filed and kept with the application, and the evidence relating thereto, in the Colonial Secretary's office.

Letters patent
may be issued for
naturalization.

5 (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor, upon the production of such certificate as aforesaid, and upon being satisfied that the applicant has duly taken the prescribed oath within the period specified in section 4, to issue letters patent under the seal of the colony granting to the applicant all the rights and privileges of a British subject, and thereupon the applicant shall, within the limits of the colony, be entitled to all political and other rights, powers, and privileges, and be subject to all obligations to which a natural-born British subject is entitled or subject.

(2) Such letters patent shall bear a stamp of one hundred rupees, to be supplied by the applicant, and shall be enrolled for safe custody in the Supreme Court of the colony.

Letters patent
may be cancelled.

6 If any material statement contained in any application made under section 1 or any material portion of the evidence adduced in support of such application shall be false, the Governor in Executive Council may, by an order in writing, cancel the letters patent issued upon such application, and from and after the date of such order all the rights, powers, and privileges derived through such letters patent shall altogether cease.

Publication in
the *Government
Gazette.*

7 All letters patent issued under this Ordinance and all orders cancelling the same shall be published in the *Government Gazette.*

Short title.

8 This Ordinance may be cited as "The Naturalization Ordinance, 1890."

SCHEDULE.

I, _____, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, according to law. So help me God.

5th December, 1890.
