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An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the naturalisation of aliens and the acquisition of property by aliens in Sierra Leone. 5 of 1907.
10 of 1928.
7 of 1929.

[4TH MARCH, 1907.]

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Aliens Naturalisation and Acquisition of Property Ordinance. Short title.

2. Any alien now residing or who shall hereafter come to reside in this Colony with intent to settle therein, and who shall have actually resided therein for a continuous period of one year at least, may present a memorial to the Governor in Council Memorial for naturalisation.

praying that the privileges of naturalisation may be conferred upon him.

Contents of memorial.

3. Such memorial shall state to the best of the knowledge and belief of the memorialist, his 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 the intent to settle therein; and such memorial shall be in writing and signed by the memorialist and accompanied by an affidavit, sworn by him verifying the truth of the statements contained therein; and the said affidavit shall be made and sworn before the Master of the Supreme Court, or such other officer or person as the Governor shall from time to time appoint to take the said oath and affidavit.

Declaration in lieu of oath.

4. In lieu of the said affidavit, any person entitled as aforesaid to make the same may make a solemn declaration in writing before the Master of the said Court, or such other officer or person as aforesaid appointed by the Governor, and such declaration shall contain the like matter and things as are hereinbefore directed to be contained in the aforesaid affidavit, and shall be made in the form prescribed by, and be deemed to be made in accordance with the Statutory Declarations Act, 1835; and any wilful false statement made in such declaration shall be deemed to be perjury, and shall expose every person making such false statement, or procuring the same to be made, to all the penalties of perjury.

5 & 6 Wm. 4, ch. 62.

Demand by Governor in Council for further information.

5. In considering the prayer of any such memorial, the Governor in Council may require such further information and evidence, either by affidavit or declaration made as aforesaid, or otherwise, as may seem proper, in addition to the affidavit or declaration of the applicant accompanying his memorial.

Grant of petitioner's prayer and oath of allegiance to be taken by him.

6. If after such enquiry it shall appear expedient, the Governor may grant the prayer of the petitioner's memorial, whereupon he shall be required to appear within fourteen days, to take the oath of allegiance, as near as may be in the form prescribed in the Schedule hereto annexed, before the Governor or such other person as the Governor for the time being may appoint for that purpose.

Certificate of naturalisation.

7. When the oath of allegiance shall be so taken, a certificate of naturalisation shall be drawn by the Attorney General or such other person as the Governor may appoint for that purpose,

and in the said certificate shall be set out such portion of the memorial as may seem material, and it shall therein be stated that the oath of allegiance has been taken, and that all the rights, privileges and capacities in this Colony of a naturalised British subject have been conferred on the memorialist under this Ordinance except such rights, privileges, and capacities (if any) as may be specially excepted by the Governor in Council.

8. The certificate of naturalisation shall be signed by the Governor, and given to the memorialist, but a copy thereof, together with the memorial and all documents, affidavits, declarations, and evidence accompanying the said memorial or annexed thereto, shall be transmitted by the Governor to the office of the Registrar General of the said Colony, who shall file and he is hereby required to file the same in the said office.

Certificate to be signed by Governor and registered.

9. Upon taking and subscribing the said oath of allegiance, and obtaining the certificate of naturalisation, the memorialist shall be entitled within the Colony to all the rights, privileges, and capacities of a subject of Her Majesty born within the said Colony, except such rights, privileges and capacities, if any, as may be specially excepted in such certificate.

Effect of naturalisation.

10. If the memorialist do not appear and take the oath of allegiance within fourteen days from the date of service on him of notice to that effect, the grant of naturalisation shall *ipso facto* be null and void.

If oath not taken in 14 days grant to be void.

11. (1) Where the Governor in Council is satisfied that a certificate of naturalisation granted under this Ordinance or any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance has been obtained by false representation or fraud, or by concealment of material circumstances, or that the person to whom the certificate was granted has shown himself by act or speech to be disaffected or disloyal to Her Majesty, the Governor in Council shall by Order revoke the certificate.

Revocation of certificate of naturalisation.

(2) Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions the Governor in Council shall by Order revoke any such certificate of naturalisation in any case in which he is satisfied that the person to whom the certificate was granted either—

(a) has during any war in which Her Majesty is engaged unlawfully traded or communicated with the enemy or with the subject of an enemy state, or been engaged in or associated with any business which is to his knowledge carried on in such manner as to assist the enemy in such war; or