



ANNO QUINTO

# GULIELMI IV. REGIS.

No. 4.

*By His Excellency Colonel GEORGE ARTHUR, Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies, with the advice of the Legislative Council.*

## *AN ACT for enabling the Lieutenant-Governor to grant Letters of Denization in certain cases,*

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that encouragement should be given to respectable persons being Foreigners desirous of settling in this Colony and such persons might be induced to come here with their properties if permitted to become partakers of the privileges enjoyed by natural born subjects of His Majesty—**BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED** by His Excellency Colonel GEORGE ARTHUR Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its dependencies by the advice of the Legislative Council that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor for the time being to grant at any time Letters of Denization under the seal of the Government to any person being an Alien born upon the signification of His Majesty's pleasure to that effect through one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State or upon such Alien having resided within this Island for seven years and upwards or having emigrated to this Island with any letter of recommendation in his or her behalf from His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies—**PROVIDED** that every such person shall apply for such Letters by petition addressed to the said Lieutenant-Governor setting forth the fact of such residence or the intention of the petitioner to settle in this Colony and also his or her native country age and profession or other usual occupation.

PREAMBLE.

Lieutenant-Governor may grant Letters of Denization.

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Persons receiving Letters of Denization to enjoy certain privileges of natural born subjects.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED that every person who shall receive any such Letters of Denization shall thenceforward be qualified to hold lands and other real estate in the said Colony and its dependencies and to accept any grant or grants from the Crown of any such lands or other real estate and to hold any office or place of trust within this Island (other than as a member of the Executive or Legislative Council) and shall be entitled to all other the rights privileges and advantages within this Island and its dependencies (except as aforesaid) which are enjoyed by natural born subjects of His Majesty—PROVIDED ALWAYS that such person shall within one calendar month next after the date of such Letters of Denization take and subscribe the oaths of allegiance supremacy and abjuration or (if a Roman Catholic) the oath prescribed by the Act intituled “An Act for the Relief of His Majesty’s “Roman Catholic Subjects” which said oaths or oath either of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Van Diemen’s Land is hereby empowered to administer.

Proviso.

Letters to be recorded and certified copy to be evidence.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED that the Judge before whom any such oath shall have been taken shall immediately afterwards certify the same upon the back of the said Letters of Denization which certificate so endorsed shall be recorded in the said Court and a certified copy thereof and of such Letters of Denization by the Registrar of the said Court shall be taken in every Court within the Colony and its dependencies as sufficient proof of such Letters having been duly granted as aforesaid and of such oath and declaration having been duly made and taken—AND for recording such Letters of Denization the person to whom the same shall have been so granted shall pay to the said Registrar a fee of twenty shillings and for every such certified copy a like fee of twenty shillings and no more.

Term Lieutenant-Governor.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED that the term “Lieutenant-Governor” used in this Act shall be construed equally to intend or apply to the Governor or any other person for the time being lawfully administering the Government.

GEORGE ARTHUR.

Passed the Legislative Council  
this fourth day of September  
one thousand eight hundred  
and thirty-four,

ADAM TURNBULL, *Clerk of the Council.*