

demeaned himself well, and has applied to the Legislature to be naturalized:

Naturalization. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said Michael Walsh be permitted to take and subscribe the oath of allegiance to this Commonwealth, before two Justices of the Peace, quorum unus, of the county where he dwells; and thereupon, and thereafter, he shall be deemed, adjudged and taken to be a citizen of this Commonwealth, and entitled to all the liberties, rights and privileges of a natural born citizen.*

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Justices before whom said Michael Walsh may take and subscribe the oath aforesaid, shall make return thereof to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, who shall record the same in the book ordered to be kept for such purpose.

February 7, 1786.

1785. — Chapter 44.

[February Session, ch. 8.]

Chap. 44 AN ACT FOR NATURALIZING WILLIAM ERVING, ESQ; AND JOHN DUBALLET.

Preamble. *Whereas William Erving, Esq; and John Duballet, residents in Boston, in the Commonwealth aforesaid, have petitioned the General Court that they may be naturalized, and be thereby entitled to all the rights, liberties and privileges of free citizens of this Commonwealth:*

Naturalization. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said William Erving and John Duballet, upon their taking the oaths of allegiance and abjuration required by the constitution of this Commonwealth, before two Justices of the Peace, shall be deemed, adjudged and taken to be free citizens of this Commonwealth, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if they, the said William Erving and John Duballet, had been inhabitants of the territory, now the Commonwealth aforesaid, at the time of making the present form of civil government.*

And it is further enacted, That the Justices before whom the same oaths shall be taken, shall return a certificate of the same into the Secretary's office; and the Secretary is hereby directed to record the same in a book to be kept for that purpose.

February 8, 1786.