

## An Act to Naturalize the Marquis de Lafayette, General Assembly of Virginia, 1785

General Assembly begun and held at the public buildings in the City of Richmond on Monday the seventeenth of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five.

An Act for the naturalization of the Marquis De La Fayette

Whereas the Marquis De La Fayette is eminently distinguished by early and signal exertions in defence of American Liberty, and whereas this illustrious Nobleman continues to afford Testimonials of unceasing Affection for this state and the General Assembly being solicitous to bestow the most decisive Mark of regard which a Republic can give Be it enacted that the Marquis De La Fayette be henceforth deemed and considered a Citizen of this State and that he shall enjoy all the rights, privileges and immunities thereunto belonging.

[signed]

Archibald Cary S.S. [Speaker of the Senate of Virginia]

Benj. Harrison Sp. H D [Speaker of the House of Delegates]

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