

Extract of Act of Congress 1824 Ch 186 Sec 1<sup>2</sup>

Be it enacted " That any alien being a free white  
" person and a minor, under the age of twenty one years  
" who shall have resided in the United States three  
" years, next preceding his arriving at the age of  
" twenty one years, & who shall have continued  
" to reside therein to the time he may make appli-  
" cation to be admitted a citizen thereof, may, after  
" he arrives at the age of twenty one years, and  
" after he shall have resided five years within  
" the United States, including the three years of  
" his minority, be admitted a citizen of the United  
" States without having made the declaration  
" required in the first condition of the first section  
" of the act to which this is in addition, three years  
" previous to his admission: Provided, such alien  
" shall make the declaration required therein at the  
" time of his or her admission; & shall further  
" declare, on oath, & prove to the satisfaction of  
" the Court, that for three years next preceding, it has  
" been the bona fide intention of such alien to  
" become a citizen of the United States; & shall, in  
" all other respects, comply with the laws in regard  
" to naturalization."

The clerk of the Circuit Court of the US in Balto  
informs me that persons, ~~that~~ aliens, arriving before  
the ~~age~~ 18 yrs of age & having 5 yrs residence and natur-  
alized in the above courts constantly, by virtue  
of the above act. Also by the act of 1828 Ch 106 that  
both acts are in force. The latter act embraces all  
persons in the US before the 18<sup>th</sup> Jun 1812, those over  
as well as under 18 yrs of age: but that when the  
particular case can be brought within the above