THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

BEAVER COUNTY, ss.

To the Honorable the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County:

The petition of Thomas Gaston of the Borough of Beaver Falls in said county, and a native of ....., respectfully showeth: That he declared on oath before the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, on the 9th day of Aug, A. D. 18 97, that it was his **bona fide** intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, particularly to the Queen of **Great Britian and Ireland and Empress of India,** ..... that at the time of his arrival he was under eighteen years of age; that he has continued to reside in the United States since that period; that for three years previous to his arrival at full age it was and still is, **bona fide** his intention to become a citizen ofthe United States, and of renouncing forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Queen of **Great Britian and Ireland and Empress of India,** ....., of whom he was at the time a subject; that your petitioner has resided within the United States upwards of five years, and in the State of Pennsylvania one year, both periods immediately preceding this, his application to become a citizen of the United States; and that he has never borne any hereditary title, or been of any of the orders of notability, in his own or any other country.

He therefore prays that, on his making the proof and taking the oath prescribed by law, he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America; and he will ever pray, etc.

Thomas Gaston

I, Thomas Gaston, ..., the petitioner above named, do swear that the facts set forth in this petition are true, that for upwards of three years it has been bona fide my intention to become a citizen, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I do absolutely and entirely renounce and adjure forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly the ..... of ....., of whom I was heretofore a subject.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court, this 9th day of Aug A. D. 18 97. } Thomas Gaston

Geo. N. MacCrae Prothonotary.

I, Joseph Carney of the Boro of Beaver Falls do swear that Thomas Gaston, the petitioner above named, has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States of America five years, and within the State of Pennsylvania one year; that he is a man of good moral character, attached to the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 9th day of Aug. A. D. 18 97. } Joseph Carney

Geo. N. MacCrae Prothonotary.