To the Honourable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County -

The petition of John Gow - a Native of the Kingdom of Great Britain -

Respectfully Sheweth -

That your petitioner is free White person, and an alien and is desirous of becoming a citizen of the United States of America; that, in pursuance of an Act of Congress, entitled an Act to establish an Uniform rule of Naturalization, and to repeal the Acts heretofore passed on that subject, he has made a declaration of his intention to become a citizen, and a report and registry of his nativity, age, allegiance, emigration arrivals, and intended place of settlement in the United States conformably to the said Act - setting forth that he was born in Scotland - in the year 1822 - whence he migrated in the year 1822 - the declaration of which is hereto annexed that he has resided within the United States three years next preceding his arriving at the age of twenty one years and has continued to reside therein until the time of making the present application, that including the three years of his minority he has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States five years and upwards, that your petitioner has been during all the above mentioned times, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; and that it has been bona fide his intention to become a citizen thereof.

Your petitioner therefore prays your Honourable Court, that upon making proof of all matters and things set forth, in this petition, and complying with the conditions, stipulations, and restrictions, contained in an act of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, passed the 26th day of May A.D. 1824, he may be admitted to become a citizen of the United States - And he will pray &c -

John Gow