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At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday, the Eighth day of January, 1824, in the Fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. being the Fourth Session of the Twelfth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

4 George IV – Chapter 5

An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the fifty-first year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, "An Act for the better regulation of Attornies, Solicitors and Proctors, practicing in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province."

Whereas, by the third section of the abovementioned act, it is enacted, that no attorney shall have, take or retain, any clerk, who shall become bound, by contract in writing, after such attorney shall have discontinued or left off, or during such time as he shall not actually practice or carry on the business of an attorney; and whereas, doubts are entertained whether the prothonotary, or deputy-prothonotary, at Halifax, being barristers and attornies, can now have, take or retain, any clerk under the provisions of the said act:

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that any prothonotary or deputy-prothonotary in the province, being a barrister or attorney, shall and may have, take and retain, one clerk, who shall be subject to the same rules, regulations and directions, as in the said recited act contained, and shall be entitled to admission in all other respects as clerks of attornies, actually carrying on the business of an attorney.