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An Act for the relief of Joseph Richard Thompson, and Henry Jessup. 25th April, 1849.

Whereas by an Act of the Legislature of Upper Canada, passed in the second year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, and intituled: An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of His late Majesty's Reign, intiuled: 'An Act for the better regulating the practice of the Law,' and to extend the provisions of the same, it is among other things enacted, that from and after the passing of the said Act, no person shall be admitted by the Court of King's Bench to practise as an Attorney, unless upon an actual service under articles for five years, with some practising Attorney; And whereas it appears by the Petition of Joseph Richard Thompson, of the Township of Brock, in the Home District, Gentleman, and by certificate and documents produced in support thereof, and also by the Petition of Henry Jessup, of the Township of York, in the said Home District, that the Petitioners are duly admitted Attorneys of Her Majesty's Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in England, and also Solicitors in the High Court of Chancery; And whereas it also appears that the said Joseph Richard Thompson came into this Province, in the hope of being allowed to practise his profession; And whereas the said Henry Jessup has for many years practised as a Solicitor in the Court of Chancery, in this Province; And whereas the said Petitioners are desirous of practising in the Courts of Law and equity, in this Province, and it is expedient to relieve them from the disability imposed by the said Act: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the province of Canada, constitued and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled, An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that is shall and may be lawful for the Court of Queen's Bench in Upper Canada, in its discretion, to admit the said Joseph Richard Thompson, and the said Henry Jessup, to practise as Attorneys of that Court; and that it shall also be lawful for the Court of Chancery, in Upper Canada aforesaid, in its discretion, to admit the said Joseph Richard Thompson, to practise as a Solicitor in the said Court of Chancery; any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.