

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1854. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1854.

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**An Act to amend the Act of last Session relative to the Enregistration of the Articles of Clerkship of Law Students, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Assented to 19th May, 1855.**

Whereas it is expedient to extend the benefit of the first section of the Act passed in the last session of the Provincial Parliament, and intituled, *An Act to declare valid the Articles of Clerkship of Law Students enregistered within a certain period after the delay granted by the Act to incorporate the Bar of Lower Canada, and to amend the said Act*, to Law Students whose Articles of Clerkship, having been passed after the coming into operation of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Bar of Lower Canada*, have not been enregistered in conformity with the provisions of the said last mentioned 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, constituted 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, and 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, as follows:

I. It shall be lawful for the Council of any section of the Bar of Lower Canada, to admit to practice as a Barrister, Advocate, Attorney, Solicitor and Proctor, any Law Student whose Articles of Clerkship have been executed before Notaries or under private seal before the passing of the Act first above cited, provided it shall appear to such Council, that such Law Student has served a *bonâ fide* and continued Clerkship in conformity with the provisions of the said Act to incorporate the Bar of Lower Canada, and that his Articles of Clerkship shall have been duly enregistered six months before his application to be admitted to practice.

II. And whereas doubts have arisen respecting the interpretation of the twenty-sixth section of the Act secondly above cited, in consequence of the difference between the English and the French versions thereof; Be it enacted, that every Law Student who shall have commenced his Clerkship before the passing of this Act, may be admitted to practice, provided he shall in conformity with the said section have had his Articles of Clerkship or his certificate of admission to Study, enregistered within the time prescribed in and by the foregoing section; but every Student shall hereafter be required to enregister his Articles of Clerkship, and the time of his Clerkship shall only be reckoned from the day of such enregistration.