

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1856. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1856.

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**An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery, and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, in Upper Canada, to admit Thomas Wright Lawford to practise as a Solicitor and Attorney. Assented to 1st July, 1856.**

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, intituled, *An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for the better regulating the practice of the law,' and to extend the provisions of the same*, it is amongst 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 Thomas Wright Lawford of the Town of London, in the County of Middlesex in this Province, gentleman, and by certificates and documents attached thereto and produced in support thereof, that the Petitioner was duly articulated to John Jackson Price, of Swansea, in the County of Glamorgan, in the United Kingdom, then a practising Attorney of Her Majesty's Courts of Exchequer, Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, as also a Solicitor in Her Majesty's High Court of Chancery in England, and studied with the said John Jackson Price, for the term of two years and a half, and was then assigned to Edward Lawford of the City of London, in England, also an Attorney of all Her Majesty's said Courts, and remained with the said Edward Lawford, for a further period of two years and a half, making in all five years; And whereas it also appears that the Petitioner has taken the usual oaths of allegiance for admission, and was duly admitted and is now an Attorney of Her Majesty's Courts of Exchequer, Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, and also a Solicitor of the High Court of Chancery in England; And whereas it also appears that the Petitioner came into this Province in the month of September last, and settled in the Town of London, with the intention of practising, his profession; And whereas the said Petitioner is desirous of practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province, and it is expedient to relieve him from the disability imposed by the said Act: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. It shall and may be lawful for the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in Upper Canada, in their discretion, to admit the said Thomas Wright Lawford, without further servitude or oath of allegiance, to practise as an Attorney of the said Courts; and it shall also be lawful for the Court of Chancery in Upper Canada, in its discretion, to admit the said Thomas Wright Lawford to practise as a Solicitor in the said Court of Chancery, without further oath of allegiance or servitude; any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.