

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

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An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Chancery in Upper Canada, to admit Hewitt Bernard to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein. Assented, to 1st July, 1856.

Whereas Hewitt Bernard, of the Town of Barrie, in the County of Simcoe, in this Province, hath by his Petition set forth, that after a period of five years' service under articles of Clerkship, he hath been admitted an Attorney of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature of the Island of Jamaica, and a Solicitor of Her Majesty's High Court of Chancery for that Island; And whereas by the certificates produced by the said Hewitt Bernard it appears that the said Hewitt Bernard was admitted as such Attorney as of October Term in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six; And whereas the said Hewitt Bernard hath been under articles of Clerkship to a practising Attorney or Attornies of Her Majesty's Courts of Queen's Bench and Chancery of Upper Canada, since the fourteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and hath served for a period of nearly four years under such articles in this Province; And whereas by a certain Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada, passed in the seventh year of the Reign of King William the Fourth, intituled, *An Act to amend the Law for the admission of Barristers and Attornies, and to provide for the further relief of William Conway Keele*, it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Court of King's Bench, in its discretion, to admit any duly admitted Attorney or Solicitor of His Majesty's Courts of law or Equity in England or Ireland, or any writer to the signet or Solicitor before the Higher Courts in Scotland, to practise as an Attorney of the Court of King's Bench in this Province, upon sufficient proof being given that such Attorney, Solicitor or writer to the signet aforesaid, has served under articles of Clerkship to a practising Attorney in this Province for the space of three years; And whereas the said Hewitt Bernard is now desirous that the privilege of such admission should be extended to him, and that he should be admitted to practise at Law as an Attorney and Solicitor in this Province; And whereas it is reasonable under the circumstances of the case that the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province should be authorized, in their discretion, to admit the said Hewitt Bernard to practise as such Attorney and Solicitor: 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 and the High Court of Chancery of Upper Canada, in their discretion and upon sufficient proof being given that the said Hewitt Bernard has served under articles of Clerkship to a practising Attorney in this Province for the space of three years, to admit the said Hewitt Bernard as an Attorney and Solicitor of those Courts respectively; any Law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.
- II. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.