

An Act to enable David Riddle Stodart, to practise the Law in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS David Riddle Stodart, writer to Her Majesty's signet, Preamble.
 formerly of the City of Edinburgh, in Scotland, at present residing in Montreal in Canada, by his petition in this behalf, hath represented that on the twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, he was duly admitted a member of the Society of writers to Her Majesty's signet, in Scotland aforesaid, and authorised to practise the Law, during all the days of his lifetime, in terms of a stamped commission in favor of the said David Riddle Stodart in due form of law executed, and that since coming to Canada in October 1856, he has prosecuted his legal studies with a view to the practise of the Law in Lower Canada, that he is now desirous of obtaining admission to the Bar in Lower Canada, and hath prayed that under the authority of an Act of the Legislature, he may be commissioned and admitted to the practise of the law in that part of this Province: And whereas it is reasonable and expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The requirements of the statutes now in force regulating the period of study and of Clerkship, without which no person can be admitted to the practise of the profession of the law, in Lower Canada, are dispensed with in the case of the said David Riddle Stodart, and that it shall and may be lawful for any section of the Bar in Lower Canada, acting in the manner provided in the said statutes for cases where students shall have complied with the requirements thereof, and forthwith on the application in writing of the said David Riddle Stodart, at any time within one year from the passing of this Act, to examine the said David Riddle Stodart on his legal attainments and qualifications, and if he shall be found capable and qualified, to admit the said David Riddle Stodart, to practise as a Barrister, Advocate, Attorney and Proctor at law, in all Her Majesty's Courts of Law in Lower Canada; and the *Balonnier* of the section wherein the said David Riddle Stodart shall have passed such examination, on a report to him made in writing to that effect by the Committee of Examiners, shall grant to the said David Riddle Stodart a Diploma, in the manner and form provided by Law.

D. R. Stodart
may be admitted to practise after examination.