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3rd Session, 5th Parliament, 20 Victoria, 1857.

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(PRIVATE BILL.)

**BILL.**

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

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Received and read, first time, Wednesday, 22nd  
April, 1857.

Second reading, Thursday, 23rd April, 1857.

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MR. LORANGER.

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

**W**HEREAS 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 qual-  
ified, 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 admit-  
ted to practise  
after examina-  
tion.