

Sir G. Grey.

LAW ADVOCATES.

ANALYSIS.

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2. Admission of barristers or advocates.  
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to regulate the Admission of Barristers or Advocates, and to enable certain duly-appointed Persons to act in the Practice of the Law on behalf of any Party to Civil or Criminal Proceedings. Title.

WHEREAS it is desirable to remove certain restrictions relative to the admission of persons as barristers or advocates of the Supreme Court, and also to enable certain duly-appointed persons to act in the practice of the law on behalf of any party to civil or criminal proceedings: Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Law Advocates Act, 1881." Short Title.

2. Notwithstanding any law in force in the colony relative to the admission of persons to be barristers or advocates of the Supreme Court of the colony, from and after the passing of this Act, every male person of the full age of twenty-one years, of whose good fame and reputation, and of whose learning in law, any one or more Judges of the said Court shall be satisfied, shall be entitled to be and be admitted and enrolled without fee, and to practice as a barrister or advocate of the said Court; and as such barrister or advocate shall be admitted generally to the practice of the law, and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges thereof under any law in force as aforesaid: Provided every such person shall, previously to such admission, be examined in law, and the Judges of the said Court shall, from time to time, prescribe the time, place, manner, and extent of such examination, and thereby decide upon the competency for admission as aforesaid of every such person. Admission of barristers or advocates.

3. Every male person of good moral character may manage, prosecute and defend any action, suit, or other proceeding in law whatsoever, civil or criminal, on behalf of any party to such action, suit, or other proceeding aforesaid, if such person be so specially authorized by such party, in writing, or by personal nomination openly in the Court in which such proceeding may be pending. Special advocates competent to conduct proceedings in law.