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An Act to extend to all Barristers practising in the Superior Courts at *Westminster* the Privileges of Serjeants at Law in the Court of Common Pleas. [18th *August* 1846.]

WHEREAS it would tend to the more equal Distribution and to the consequent Despatch of Business in the Superior Courts of Common Law at *Westminster*, and would at the same Time be greatly for the Benefit of the Public, if the Right of Barristers at Law to practise, plead, and to be heard extended equally to all the said Courts; but, by reason of the exclusive Privilege of Serjeants at Law to practise, plead, and have Audience in the Court of Common Pleas at *Westminster* during Term Time, such Object cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act all Barristers at Law, according to their respective Rank and Seniority, shall and may have and exercise equal Rights and Privilege of practising, pleading, and Audience in the said Court of Common Pleas at *Westminster* with the said Serjeants at Law; and it shall

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shall be lawful for the Justices of the said Court, or any Three of them, of whom the Lord Chief Justice of the said Court shall be one, to make Rules and Orders, and to do all other things necessary for giving Effect to this Enactment.

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