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 SESSION OF MARCH 1700
 

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 CHAPTER 153.
 

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A LAW TO CONTINUE THE PRESENT SESSION OF COUNCIL & ASSEMBLY  
 TWENTY DAYS BEYOND THE USUAL TIME BY CHARTER LIMITED & C.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased God to Return to us our proprietary and Governor, and that are more sensible how much his presence of Life concerns the securite and prosperitie of the interest of the inhabitants of this provinces and territories, as well as of himself and family, And that a right use & Impressment be made the proof for the better establishment of the government and securities of properties that one having Laboured under divers interruptions, And that after rendered intricate and unsafe (*Words inserted between the lines on the original copy are illegible. Ed.*) both as to the title & boundaries By which means our posteritie may be uncertain in their rights and thereby exposed to unspeakable inconveniences and loss if suitable remedies be not speedily applied and whereas the usual time limited by charter for the Sessions of the Provincial Council and Assembly is much too Short and Scanty for the accomplishment of so necessary a work Be it enacted by the proprietary and Governor by and with the advice and consent of the representatives of the freemen of the province and territories in General Assembly mett and by the authoritie of the same, That for the better Settlement of the Constitution of this government And for the making altering and repealing of Laws so absolutely necessary for the good and benefit of the people It shall and may be Lawful to and for the proprietarie and Governor and Provincial Council and Assembly to continue their present Session twenty days beyond the usual time by Charter Limited and Longer if the Government and provincial Coucil shall see cause during which time they shall make, repeal, alter and enact Such Laws, Ordinances and Constitutions as to them shall seem mesh, without any promulgation thereof, as in an ordinary way hath been formerly practised, Any

thing in the said Charter, or any other Law, usage or Custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding — And for the removing of all doubts and scruples concerning the convening and setting of the present Session Be it further enacted and declared by the authority aforesaid That the present representatives of the freemen of this province and counties annexed elected by virtue of the proprietary and governors writts are and shall be deemed, held and taken to be the provincial Council and Assembly of the province of Pennsylvania and Counties annexed And that their respective meetings and actions shall be valid as Such

A.P.S., Original Laws of Pennsylvania from 1693 to 1700, f. 195, dated April 12, 1700.

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#### CHAPTER 154.

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##### THE LAW OF A FREEMAN ABOUT ELECTIONS & REPRESENTATIVES FEES.

Whereas it is Necessary it Should be knowne, who those are, that in this Province and Territories have Right of (or to be Deemed) FreeMen to Choose or to be Chosen to Serve in Council & Assembly, Be it Enacted by & with the Advise & Consent of the Representatives of the Free Men of this Province & territories, in General Assembly mett, & by the Authority of the Same, That no Inhabitant of this Province or Territories Shall have Right of Electing or of being Elected as aforesaid, Unless they be Denizens & Free holders thereof and of the age of Twenty one years or Upwards, and have Fifty acres of Land, Ten acres whereof being seated & Cleared or be otherwise worth Fifty Pounds Lawful Money of this Government Clear Estate, and have been resident within the Same for the Space of Two years Next before Such Election.

And that Elections may not be Coruptly Managed on which the good and the Government So much Depends, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Elections of the said Representatives, Shall be free & Voluntary, and that the Elector who shall Receive any Reward or Gift for giving his Vote, Shall forfeit the Right to Elect for that yeare, and be fined in the Sum of Five Pounds for the use of the