

CHAPTER CXXXI.

AN ACT FOR THE FURTHER SECURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THIS PROVINCE.

Whereas it is of the greatest importance to the well-being of any county to be provided of a regular and plenary administration of government in all emergencies, and considering that the uncertainty of human life renders all governments liable to changes that may carry great inconveniences with them unless due provision be made against the same:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by John Evans, Esquire, by the Queen's royal approbation Lieutenant-Governor under William Penn, Esquire, absolute Proprietary and Governor-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania and Territories, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That in case it shall please Almighty God, at any time in the absence of the governor-in-chief of this province, to remove his lieutenant by death or otherwise before such sufficient provision be made by the governor-in-chief for the full administration of government, or in case of his said lieutenant's absence out of this government, the governor's council that are in place at the time of such lieutenant's decease or departure, or a majority of their number residing and dwelling in this province, of which the eldest or first-named member, or such member as the said eldest or first-named member with any five of the other members shall name and appoint, being always one, shall have the full power and authority of a governor of this province as effectually as any deputy or lieutenant commissioned by the governor-in-chief may or ought to have, and shall accordingly act and exercise all the powers of government as fully and amply as any deputy or lieutenant-governor may, can or ought to do, until another person or persons shall be duly commissioned and empowered by the said governor-in-chief or his heirs to act in their stead.

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