

Accidents might Involve the Inhabitants of this not only in very
 Confused Circumstances but manifestly Indanger the peace and Welfare
 thereof This Honorable Assembly do pray that it may be Enacted And
 be it Enacted by the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by &
 with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the upper
 and Lower houses of Assembly and by the Authority of the Same that
 in Case of the death or absence of his Lordships Governour for the
 time being the first person named by the Right Honourable the Lord
 Proprietarie and in his Lordships Commission to be of his Lordships
 Honourable Council for the time being then living and actually
 Residing in this Province and upon his death or absence the next
 persons likewise named of his Lordships said Council actually
 living and residing as aforesaid successively shall immediately
 take upon him the Administration of the Government of this
 Province and shall with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Coun-
 cil for the Time being execute all the powers and Authorities
 which were or shall be given to such Governour in relation to the
 Government untill the returne of such Governour if absent or untill
 his Lordships pleasure shall be further known or that he otherwise
 Direct therein

August the 7th 1716 Read and reported to by the Lower house of Assembly and signed by Order
 August the 7th 1716 Read & reported to by the Upper house of Assembly and signed by Order
 The Honorable the Lower house of Assembly W. Bladen is Upper house of Assembly

August 10th 1716. On the Behalf of the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietarie
 I will this be a Seal

The Seal of the Secretaries Office is
 presents itself on behalf of the
 Honorable the Lord Proprietarie
 of Maryland
 J. J. J. J. J.