

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO QUINTO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXXVI.

An Act to enable the *East India* Company to appoint the Commander in Chief on the *Bengal* Eſtabliſhment to be a Member of the Council of *Fort William* in *Bengal*, notwithſtanding the Office of Governor General of *Fort William*, and the Office of Commander in Chief of all the Forces in *India*, being veſted in the ſame Perſon. [10th *April* 1805.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *Eaſt Indies* ſhould be authorized and empowered, if they ſhall think fit, to appoint the Commander of the Military Forces of the ſaid United Company on the *Bengal* Eſtabliſhment to be a Member of the Supreme Council of *Fort William* in *Bengal*, notwithſtanding the Office of Governor General of *Fort William* aforeſaid, and the Office of Commander in Chief of all the Forces in *India*, ſhall be veſted in the ſame Perſon; may it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King'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 it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Court of Directors of the ſaid United Company ſpecially to authorize and appoint the Commander of the Military Forces of the ſaid United Company on the *Bengal* Eſtabliſhment to be a Member of the ſaid Supreme Council

The Court of Directors may appoint the Commander of the Forces of the Company on the *Bengal* Eſtabliſhment to be a Member of the Council of *Fort William*, notwithſtanding the Office of Governor General and

Commander in Chief be veſted in the ſame Perſon:

Council of *Fort William* aforeſaid, notwithſtanding the Office of Governor General of *Fort William* aforeſaid, and the Office of Commander in Chief of all the Forces in *India*, ſhall be veſted in the ſame Perſon.

And ſuch Commander ſhall have Rank at the Board next to the Governor General, but ſhall not ſucceed to the Government in caſe of Vacancy, unleſs provitionally appointed to ſupply the ſame.

II. And be it enacted, That when any ſuch Commander of the Military Forces of the ſaid United Company on the *Bengal* Eſtabliſhment ſhall be appointed a Member of the ſaid Supreme Council, ſuch Commander ſhall have Rank and Precedence at the Council Board next to the Governor General, but he ſhall not ſucceed to the Government of ſuch Preſidency on the happening of a Vacancy in the Office of Governor General, unleſs ſuch Commander of the Military Forces of the ſaid United Company on the *Bengal* Eſtabliſhment ſhall have been proviſionally applied to ſupply the ſame; but ſuch Vacancy ſhall be ſupplied by the Counſellor next in Rank at the Council Board to ſuch Commander of the Military Forces of the ſaid United Company on the *Bengal* Eſtabliſhment, any Thing contained in an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for continuing in the* Eaſt India *Company for a further Term the Poſſeſſion of the* Britiſh *Territories in* India, *together with their excluſive Trade, under certain Limitations; for eſtabliſhing further Regulations for the Government of the ſaid Territories, and the better Adminiſtration of Juſtice within the ſame; for appropriating to certain Uſes the Revenues and Profits of the ſaid Company; and for making Proviſion for the good Order and Government of the Towns of* Calcutta, Madras, *and* Bombay; or any other Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom, to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

33 G. 3. c. 52.

Such Commander ſo appointed a Member of the Council, ſhall be ſubject to Recall.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That any Commander ſo to be appointed a Member of the ſaid Supreme Council as herein-before is mentioned, ſhall be ſubject to Recall by the ſame Perſons and in the ſame Manner, and ſhall have the ſame Powers, Franchiſes, and Authorities, in all reſpects as a Member of Council, as if he had been appointed thereto as Commander in Chief of all the Forces in *India*.

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