

removal or other cause, except the expiration of the period of office, may be filled up by the Board or the remaining members of the Board whatever the number may be; and if the casual vacancy occur in the office of Governor or Deputy-Governor, such vacancy may be filled by electing any one of the remaining members of the Board; and if so filled up, a casual vacancy shall be deemed to have occurred in the office of the member of the Board so elected to the office of Governor or Deputy-Governor; provided always that any person so chosen to fill up any casual vacancy shall retain his office until the next general court held for the election of members of the Board, and at such general court the Company shall either confirm such person in his office or shall elect some other person to hold such office in his place, and provided always that the person so chosen and confirmed as aforesaid or the person elected by the Company in his stead (as the case may be) shall retain his office so long only as the vacating member of the Board would have retained the same if no vacancy had occurred, and provided always that, notwithstanding any vacancy in the Board, the continuing members of the Board may act so long as there remains not less than four members of the Board.

And We do hereby further will and ordain that, notwithstanding anything contained in the original charter, the corporal oath thereby required to be taken on the occasions and by the persons therein mentioned shall no longer be required to be taken by any person on any occasion whatsoever.