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Clause VII deals with the Succession to the Government, and is as follows:

"And We do hereby declare Our pleasure to be that, in the event of the death, incapacity, removal, or absence of Our said Governor General out of Our said Dominion, all and every the powers and authorities herein granted to him shall, until Our further pleasure is signified therein, be vested in such person as may be appointed by Us under Our Sign Manual and Signet to be Our Lieutenant Governor of Our said Dominion; or if there shall be no such Lieutenant Governor in Our said Dominion, then in such person or persons as may be appointed by Us under Our Sign Manual and Signet to administer the Government of the same; and in case there shall be no person or persons within Our said Dominion so appointed by Us, then in Our Chief Justice for the time being of the Supreme Court of Our said Dominion, or, in case of the death, incapacity, removal, or absence out of Our said Dominion of Our said Chief Justice for the time being, then in the Senior Judge for the time being of Our said Supreme Court then residing in Our said Dominion and not being under incapacity.

Provided always, that the said Senior Judge shall act in the administration of the Government only if and when Our said Chief Justice shall not be present within Our said Dominion and capable of administering the Government."

By Letters Patent bearing date 25th September 1935, the Letters Patent of the 23rd March 1931 were

amended ---

W.L.M. King Papers, Memoranda and Notes, 1940-1950, MG 26 J 4, Volume 276, pages C189663-C190339