

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FROM 1776 TO 1857

The Constitution of 1776 provided, in Article XXVI, that the Senators and Delegates, on the second Tuesday of November, 1777, and annually on the second Tuesday of November forever thereafter, elect by joint ballot (in the same manner as Senators are directed to be chosen), *five of the most sensible, discredited and experienced men above twenty-five years of age*, residents in the State above three years next preceding the election, and having therein a freehold of lands and tenements, above the value of one thousand pounds current money, *to be the Council to the Governor*, whose proceedings shall be always entered on record, to any part whereof any member may enter his dissent; and their advice, if so required by the Governor, or any member of the Council, shall be given in writing, and signed by the members giving the same, respectively; which proceedings of the Council shall be laid before the Senate, or House of Delegates, when called for by them, or either of them. The Council may appoint their own clerk, who shall take oath of support and fidelity to this State as this Convention, or the Legislature, shall direct; and of secrecy, in such matters as he shall be directed by the board to keep secret.

| Year. | Governor's Council. | Sessions. |
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| 1777— | Chas. Carroll, Sr., Josiah Polk, Jr., Edward Lloyd, John Rogers, John Contee..... | Feb. |
| 1778— | Edward Lloyd, Thomas Sim, Daniel Carroll, James Hindman, James Brice | |
| 1770— | Edward Lloyd, Thomas Sim, Daniel Carroll, James Hindman, James Brice | |
| 1780— | John H. Stone, Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, Daniel Carroll, John Brice | Nov. |
| 1781— | Daniel Carroll, James Brice, Jeremiah T. Chase, Samuel T. Wright, John H. Stone..... | Oct. |
| 1782— | John H. Stone, James Brice, Jeremiah T. Chase, Samuel T. Wright, Benj. C. Stoddert..... | Nov. |
| 1783— | Benj. C. Stoddert, Gabriel Duval, Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, John T. Stone..... | Nov. |
| 1784— | John H. Stone, James Brice, Jeremiah T. Chase, Gabriel Duval, Benjamin Ogle..... | Nov. |
| 1785— | Charles Wallace, Aquilla Paca, John Davidson, John H. Stone, Samuel T. Wright..... | Nov. |
| 1786— | Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, Gabriel Duval, John Kilty, Samuel T. Wright..... | Nov. |
| 1787— | Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, John Kilty, John Davidson, Benj. Harrison | Nov. |
| 1788— | Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, John Kilty, John Davidson, Benj. Harrison | Nov. |
| 1789— | James Brice, John Davidson, William Hindman, Josias C. Hall, John Kilty..... | Nov. |
| 1790— | John Kilty, James Brice, John Davidson, William Hindman, Rand. B. Latimer..... | Nov. |
| 1791— | Henry Ridgely, Rand. B. Latimer, John Davidson John Kilty, James Brice..... | Nov. |