

**Elected by the People for Three Years Under the Constitution of 1776  
as amended in 1938<sup>3</sup>**

William Grason, Democrat, 1839-1842. Thought to have been born in Queen Anne's County, March 11, 1788, the son of Richard and Ann Grason. Episcopalian. Married Susan Orrick Sulivane. Died in Queen Anne's County, July 2, 1868. Buried near Queenstown, Queen Anne's County.

Francis Thomas, Democrat, 1842-1845. Born in Frederick County, February 3, 1799, the son of John and Eleanor (McGill) Thomas. Episcopalian. Married Sally McDowell. Died at Frankville, Garrett County, January 22, 1876. Buried in St. Mark's Episcopal Church Cemetery, Petersville, Frederick County.

Thomas G. Pratt, Whig, 1845-1848. Born in Georgetown, D.C., February 18, 1804, the son of John Wilkes and Rachel (Belt) Pratt. Episcopalian. Resident of Prince George's County when elected. Married Adelaide Kent. Died in Baltimore, November 9, 1869. Buried in St. Anne's Cemetery, Annapolis.

Philip Francis Thomas, Democrat, 1848-1851. Born in Easton, Talbot County, September 12, 1810, the son of Dr. Tristram and Maria (Francis) Thomas. Episcopalian. Married (1) Sarah Maria Kerr; (2) Clintonia (Wright) May. Died in Baltimore, October 2, 1890. Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Easton.

Enoch Louis Lowe, Democrat, 1851-1854. Born in Frederick County, August 10, 1820, the son of Lieut. Bradley S. A., and Adelaide (Vincendiere) Lowe. Roman Catholic. Married Esther Winder Polk. Died in Brooklyn, N. Y., August 23, 1892. Buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Frederick.

**Elected Under the Constitution of 1851 by the People for Four Years<sup>1</sup>**

Thomas Watkins Ligon, Democrat, 1854-1858. Born in Farmville, Prince Edward County, Va., May 10, 1810, the son of Thomas D. and Martha (Watkins) Ligon. Episcopalian. Resident of Howard County when elected. Married (1) Sally Ann Dorsey; (2) Mary Tolley Dorsey. Died at Chatham, Howard County, January 12, 1881. Buried in the family cemetery in Howard County.

Thomas Holliday Hicks, Native American, 1858-1862. Born in Dorchester County, September 2, 1798, the son of Henry C. and Mary (Sewell) Hicks. Methodist. Married (1) Anna Thompson; (2) Leah Raleigh; (3) Jane Wilcox. Died in Washington, D.C., February 13, 1865. Buried in Cambridge Cemetery.

Augustus W. Bradford, Unionist, 1862-1866. Born in Bel Air, Harford County, January 9, 1806, the son of Samuel and Jane (Bond) Bradford. Methodist. Resident of Baltimore County when elected. Married Elizabeth Kell. Died in Baltimore, March 1, 1881. Buried in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore.

<sup>1</sup> By Chapter 197, Acts of 1836, ratified in 1837, the term of the Governor was extended to three years. The same Act also established three gubernatorial districts, the Governor to be elected from each in rotation beginning with the Eastern Shore District, and provided for the popular election of the Governor.

<sup>2</sup> Under the Constitution of 1851, the term of the Governor began on the second Wednesday in January following his election and was for four years. The first election under the Constitution of 1851 was held on the first Wednesday in November 1853 and the Governor was elected from each of the three gubernatorial districts in rotation beginning with the Central District.