

State until March 20 of the same year. On March 22, 1777, the Assembly adopted a resolution "for dissolving the Council of Safety and Vesting the Governor and Council with their Powers." The Governor and Council had qualified two days earlier on March 20, and they immediately began to perform the duties assigned to them.

1776), Samuel Wilson (appointed by the Council *vice* Tilghman, December 13, 1776), William Hemsley (appointed by the Council *vice* Rumsey, December 13, 1776, declined), James Lloyd Chamberlaine (appointed by the Council *vice* Hemsley, January 3, 1777, declined), Turbutt Wright (appointed by the Council *vice* Chamberlaine, February 3, 1777).

Conventions of the Province of Maryland

- 1774, June 22-25. Matthew Tilghman, Chm.
- 1774, Nov. 21-25. Matthew Tilghman, Chm.
- 1774, Dec. 8-12. John Hall, Chm.
- 1775, April 24-May 3. Matthew Tilghman, Chm.
- 1775, July 26-Aug. 14. Matthew Tilghman, Chm.
- 1775, Dec. 7-1776, Matthew Tilghman, Pres. Jan. 18.
- 1776, May 8-25. Charles Carroll, Barrister, Pres.
- 1776, June 21-July 6. Matthew Tilghman, Pres.
- 1776, Aug. 14-Nov. 11. Matthew Tilghman, Pres.

Councils of Safety

- 1775, August 29-October 21. Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, president, Thomas Johnson, Jr., William Paca, Charles Carroll, Barrister, Thomas Stone (did not serve), Samuel Chase, Robert Alexander, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Matthew Tilghman, John Beale Bordley (declined), Robert Goldsborough (did not serve), James Hollyday, Richard Lloyd, Edward Lloyd, Thomas Smyth, Henry Hooper.
- 1776, January 18-May 25. Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, president, Charles Carroll, Barrister, John Hall, Benjamin Rumsey, James Tilghman, Thomas Smyth, Thomas Bedingfield Hands.
- 1776, May 27-July 6. Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, president, Charles Carroll, Barrister, John Hall, Benjamin Rumsey (did not serve), George Plater, James Tilghman, Thomas Smyth, Thomas Bedingfield Hands, William Hayward.
- 1776, July 6-November 11. Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, president, John Hall, George Plater, Charles Carroll, Barrister, Thomas Bedingfield Hands (declined), Benjamin Rumsey, Thomas Smyth, James Tilghman, Joseph Nicholson, Jr., Nicholas Thomas (appointed by the Council, September 18, 1776).
- 1776, November 12-1777, March 20. Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, president, John Hall, George Plater, Brice T. B. Worthington, Charles Grahame (declined), Joseph Nicholson, Jr., Nicholas Thomas, William Rumsey (declined), James Tilghman (declined), Thomas Contee (elected *vice* Grahame, November 11,

GOVERNORS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

Elected Under the Constitution of 1776 by the Legislature for One Year¹

- 1777-1779. Thomas Johnson. No Party. Born in Calvert County, November 4, 1732, the son of Thomas Johnson and wife Dorcas Sedgewick. Resident of Anne Arundel County when elected. Episcopalian. Married Ann Jennings. Died at Rose Hill, Frederick County, October 26, 1819. Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick.
- 1779-1782. Thomas Sim Lee. No Party. Born in Prince George's County, October 29, 1745, the son of Thomas Lee and wife Christian Sim. Roman Catholic. Married Mary Digges. Died at Needwood, Frederick County, October 9, 1819. Buried in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Upper Marlboro.
- 1782-1785. William Paca. No Party. Born near Abingdon, Harford County, October 31, 1740, the son of John Paca and wife Elizabeth Smith. Resident of Queen Anne's County when elected. Episcopalian. Married (1) Mary Lloyd Chew; (2) Anne Harrison. Died at Wye Hall, Queen Anne's County, October 13, 1799. Buried at Wye Hall, Queen Anne's County.
- 1785-1788. William Smallwood. No Party. Thought to have been born in Charles County in 1732, the son of Bayne Smallwood and wife Priscilla Heaberd. Resident of Charles County when elected. Episcopalian. Unmarried. Died at Mattawoman, February 14, 1792. Buried at Smallwood's Retreat, Charles County.
- 1788-1791. John Eager Howard. Federalist. Born in Baltimore, June 4, 1752, the son of Cornelius Howard and wife Ruth Eager. Episcopalian. Married Peggy Chew. Died in Baltimore, October 12, 1827. Buried in Old St. Paul's Cemetery, Baltimore.

¹Under the Constitution of 1776, the Governor was elected annually on the second Monday in November. He could be re-elected for two additional terms. Thomas Johnson, the State's first governor, was elected on February 13, 1777, after the Constitution of 1776 became operative.