

**Elected Under the Constitution of 1851
by the People for Four Years.⁸**

1854–1858. Thomas Watkins Ligon. Democrat. Born in Farmville, Prince Edward County, Va., May 10, 1810, the son of Thomas D. Ligon and wife Martha Watkins. 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.

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

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

**Elected Under the Constitution of 1864
by the People for Four Years.⁹**

1866–1869. Thomas Swann. Unionist-Democrat. Born in Alexandria, Va., ca. 1806, the son of Thomas Swann and wife Jane Byrd Page. Episcopalian. Resident of Baltimore City when elected. Married (1) Elizabeth Gilmor Sherlock; (2) Josephine Ward Thompson. Died in Leesburg, Va., July 24, 1883. Buried in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore.

⁸ 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.

⁹ Under the Constitution of 1864, the term of the governor began on the second Wednesday in January following his election and was for four years. The only election to be held under this Constitution was held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1864. The term of the incumbent governor was not affected by the adoption of this Constitution.

**Elected Under the Constitution of 1867
by the People for Four Years.¹⁰**

1869–1872. Oden Bowie. Democrat. Born in Prince George's County, November 10, 1826, the son of William D. Bowie and wife Eliza Oden. Episcopalian. Married Alice Carter. Died at Fairview, Prince George's County, December 4, 1894. Buried at Fairview, Prince George's County.¹¹

1872–1874. William Pinkney Whyte. Democrat. Born in Baltimore, August 9, 1824, the son of Joseph White and wife Isabella Pinkney. Episcopalian. Married (1) Louisa D. Hollingsworth; (2) Mrs. Mary M. Thomas. Died in Baltimore, March 17, 1908. Buried in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore.¹²

1874–1876. James Black Groome. Democrat. Born in Cecil County, April 4, 1838, the son of Col. John Charles Groome and wife Elizabeth Black. Presbyterian. Married Alice L. Edmondson. Died in Baltimore, October 4, 1893. Buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Elkton.

1876–1880. John Lee Carroll. Democrat. Born in Baltimore, September 30, 1830, the son of Col. Charles Carroll and wife Mary Digges Lee. Roman Catholic. Married (1) Anita Phelps; (2) Mary Carter Thompson. Died in Washington, D.C., February 27, 1911. Buried in Bonnie Brae Cemetery in Howard County.

1880–1884. William T. Hamilton. Democrat. Born in Washington County, September 8, 1820, the son of Henry Hamilton and wife Anna Mary Hess. Presbyterian. Married Clara Jenness. Died in Hagerstown, October 26, 1888. Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown.

1884–1885. Robert M. McLane. Democrat. Born in Wilmington, Delaware, June 23, 1815, the son of Louis McLane and wife Catherine Mary Milligan. Episcopalian. Resident of Baltimore City when elected. Married Georgine Urquhart. Resigned March 27, 1885. Died in Paris, France, April 16, 1898. Buried in Greenmount Cemetery,

¹⁰ Under the Constitution of 1867, the governor took office on the second Wednesday of January following his election. His term was for four years with the election held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1867. The term of the incumbent governor was not affected by the adoption of the Constitution of 1867.

¹¹ Because Governor Swann's term was not affected by the adoption of the Constitution of 1867, Governor Bowie served for three years only.

¹² Governor Whyte resigned on March 4, 1874. Governor Groome was elected and assumed office on the same day. Because of a family business disagreement, Governor Whyte changed the spelling of his surname to distinguish his branch of the family.