

PROTESTANT ASSOCIATORS' CONVENTION OF 1689-1692¹

FIRST SESSION: August 22-September 4, 1689

SECOND SESSION: April 1-4(?), 1690

THIRD SESSION: September 29-October 6, 1690

FOURTH SESSION: April 12(?)-25, 1691

FIFTH SESSION: August (?)-September 10, 1691

SIXTH SESSION: April 9, 1692

ST. MARY'S
John Coode²
Nehemiah Blakiston,
speaker 4-6
Kenelm Cheseldyne,
speaker 1-2²
John Campbell

KENT
William Harris
Michael Miller
Hans Hanson
Thomas Davis

ANNE ARUNDEL³
Thomas Tench
William Hopkins

Nicholas Gassaway (D-6)
Nicholas Greenberry

CALVERT
Henry Jowles
Ninian Beale
Henry Mitchell
James Keech

CHARLES
John Addison
John Courts
Henry Hawkins
John Stone

BALTIMORE
John Thomas

Thomas Staley
Thomas Thurston
Christopher Gist (D-4)

TALBOT
John Edmundson
William Sharpe
George Robotham,
speaker 3
Robert Smith

SOMERSET
Francis Jenkins
David Browne
Robert King²
Samuel Hopkins

DORCHESTER
John Brooke
Henry Trippe
Charles Hutchins
Thomas Cooke (S-6)

ST. MARY'S CITY
William Blanckenstein
Gilbert Clarke (S-2)
Robert Mason (E-3)⁴

CECIL
Charles James
Edward Jones
William Dare⁵
James Frisby⁵

Committee Service

ACCOUNTS
Cheseldyne (1)
Coode (1)

Blakiston (1)
Jowles (1)
Clarke (1)
Addison (1)

Courts (1)

SECRECY
Blakiston (1)

Jowles (1)
Clarke (1)
"& one or two more"

Grand Committee of Twenty⁶

Coode, president
Cheseldyne
Blakiston
Miller
Harris
Gassaway

Greenberry
Jowles
Beale
Addison
Courts

Thomas
Staley
Robotham
Edmundson
Browne

King
Brooke
Trippe
Jones
James

¹ Except for a portion of the first session, no journal for this revolutionary convention survives. Unless otherwise noted, membership is derived from the signatures of delegates on "The Address of the Representatives of their Majestys Subjects in the Province of Maryland Assembled," dated September 4, 1689, Colonial Office Papers 5/719, part 1, no. 1 (Public Record Office, London). For the dates of individual sessions and identification of speakers, see William Hand Browne et al. eds., *Archives of Maryland*, 72 vols. to date (Baltimore, 1883-), 8:117, 172, 207, 242-50, 260; *ibid.*, 13:247; Thomas Bacon, *Laws of Maryland with Proper Indexes* (Annapolis, 1765), note after laws of 1688; Charles County Court and Land Record, R no. 1, ff. 3, 129, 189, 275; Talbot County Land Record, NN no. 6, f. 317; Edmund B. O'Callaghan, ed., *The Documentary History of the State of New York*, 4 vols. (Albany, 1849-51), 2:117-18, 126-27; Edmund B. O'Callaghan, ed., *Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York*, 15 vols. (Albany, 1853-87), 3:788-89.

² Coode and Cheseldyne, who went to England in the late summer of 1690 to defend the revolution they had led, did not serve in subsequent sessions, and their replacements, if elected, are unknown. Robert King of Somerset County may also have accompanied them.

³ Anne Arundel County did not send delegates to the first session. These four men were probably elected to the second session, when Gassaway and Greenberry were named to the Grand Committee of Twenty. Tench and Hopkins were definitely sitting by the fourth session.

⁴ Elected to replace Gilbert Clarke, who resigned upon becoming sheriff prior to the second session. Mason was definitely sitting by the fourth session and was probably a member by the third meeting.

⁵ A contemporary account of the first session reported that only two delegates participated from Cecil County, but the signatures of four delegates were affixed to the September 4, 1689, address from the Assembly. There is no other record of service for William Dare and James Frisby, who are known later to have opposed the government of the Protestant Associators, and probably declined to serve further.

⁶ The second session appointed this group as an interim executive agency. Nehemiah Blakiston succeeded Coode as president by September 1690.