

## FIFTH COUNCIL OF SAFETY

November 12, 1776–March 20, 1777

### WESTERN SHORE

John Hall  
George Plater  
Daniel of St. Thomas  
Jenifer, president

Brice T. B. Worthington  
Charles Grahame (Dcl)  
Thomas Contee (A)<sup>1</sup>

### EASTERN SHORE<sup>2</sup>

Joseph Nicholson, Jr.  
Nicholas Thomas  
William Rumsey (Dcl)  
James Tilghman (Dcl)

Samuel Wilson (A)  
William Hemsley (A, Dcl)  
James Lloyd Chamberlaine  
(A, Dcl)  
Turbutt Wright (A)

<sup>1</sup> According to reports made by the Committee on Elections, the judges appointed by the Eighth Convention to conduct the elections of delegates in the counties of Prince George's, Queen Anne's, and Frederick (Lower District) failed to act. The citizens of these counties appointed new judges, who held the elections and signed the returns. The Ninth Convention declared these elections void since they had not been held by the judges specifically appointed for that purpose, and ordered new elections.

<sup>2</sup> A remonstrance from the election judges appointed by the Eighth Convention to hold the election of delegates in Worcester County indicated that the election was held "contrary to the resolves of the last Convention, ascertaining and declaring the qualifications of voters." The Convention declared this election void and ordered a new one.

<sup>3</sup> Richardson's seat was declared vacated on August 17, 1776, upon his acceptance of a colonel's commission in the Flying Camp.

<sup>4</sup> The committee to "inspect the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan office" was similar in function to the Committee on Bills of Credit prior to the Revolution.

<sup>5</sup> Contee was appointed to the Council of Safety on November 11, 1776, to replace Charles Grahame.

<sup>6</sup> Wilson and Hemsley were appointed on December 13, 1776, to replace Rumsey and Tilghman. On January 3, 1777, Chamberlaine was appointed to replace William Hemsley who declined to serve. After Chamberlaine also declined to serve, Wright was appointed on February 3, 1777.