

ber 23, 1765, sworn in as a member of the Council and took his seat in the Upper House on the second day of the session (*Arch. Md.* XXXII; 107). The members of the Upper House who were actually in attendance at this short, six day session were Tasker, Chamberlaine, Hammond, Lee, Henry, Goldsborough, Lloyd, Dulany, and Ridout.

Politically there had been little change in the composition of the Lower House as a result of the recent elections. The old leaders of the anti-Proprietary, country, or popular party, as it was variously called, Edward Tilghman, William Murdock, Thomas Ringgold, John Hammond, John Hanson, Robert Lloyd, William Smallwood, and Thomas Johnson, the last now definitely aligned with this group, were still in complete control. An important addition to this group was Samuel Chase, who later was to become perhaps the most aggressive of all the pre-Revolutionary leaders. The poll of votes for the two delegates from Annapolis showed the following result: Walter Dulany 132 votes, Samuel Chase 88, and Dr. George Steuart 59—a significant poll, as in this hitherto stronghold of Proprietary influence, Chase outran, by 19 votes, Steuart, for many years the wheelhorse of the Proprietary party in the house. The Government in these first two 1765 sessions also suffered a serious loss when Walter Dulany was twice unseated, first at the September session because he had disqualified himself by accepting an office under the Government, and later, at the November–December session, after reelection, when his second election was declared to be irregular and he was again unseated. Two important additions to the membership of the Lower House were James Hollyday and Robert Goldsborough. Both were able lawyers who had received their training in the Temple. Although they played important parts in the Assembly at this session and thereafter, and their sympathies were doubtless with the popular party, neither of them at this time seems to have affiliated with the aggressively partisan group.

Among the fifty-eight members of the Lower House who had just been elected, there were forty-two delegates who had been members of the last Assembly; four who had served in former assemblies but not in the last (Samuel Wilson, Henry Travers, Woolman Gibson, and Nicholas Hyland), and twelve new members who had never before served in a Maryland legislature. It may be recalled that at the December, 1758, session Samuel Wilson of the Proprietary party had, by a party vote, been censured and placed under arrest by the sergeant-at-arms for a severe verbal attack upon Philip Hammond, a popular leader of the house (*Arch. Md.* LVI; liii-lv). He had not been a member of the Assembly elected in 1761. The new members were Daniel Wolstenholme of St. Mary's, Young Parran of Calvert, Robert Tyler of Prince George's, John Hall Jr. and James Heath of Baltimore, William Winder of Somerset, Philemon LeCompte and Robert Goldsborough of Dorchester, Henry Hollyday of Talbot, Robert Buchanan of Kent, Fielder Gantt and James Smith of Frederick and Samuel Chase of Annapolis. Goldsborough, who had been entered at the Middle Temple, London, in 1752, and had been called to the English bar in 1756, was a delegate from Dorchester County. To this group of new members was to be added John Hall of Annapolis, who took Walter Dulany's place after he was unseated the second time, increasing the number of new members to thirteen.