

Many of the Delegates who sat in the Assembly held during 1771 had also been members of the Assemblies which met during 1769 and 1770 (*Arch. Md.* LXII, 37-38, 205-206, 372). As it was a newly elected Lower House, on the opening day of the session, which was October 2, 1771, Benedict Calvert and Walter Dulany, members of the Council, or Upper House, attended by Dr. Upton Scott, Clerk of the Upper House, came to the Coffee House, where the Delegates were assembled. There in the presence of Dulany and Calvert, the new members of the Lower House took "the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test . . ." (pp. 3, 76).

Thirty-six Delegates were present at the opening session on October 2, or more than was necessary for a quorum which was probably thirty-nine (*Arch. Md.* LXII, xvi).

As a result of the death of Frederick Calvert, the Lord Proprietary on September 4, 1771, the Assembly elected during the winter of 1770-1771 was dissolved. Robert Eden, who continued as Governor of Maryland under the new Proprietary, Henry Harford, arranged for the election of new Delegates (pp. 335, 342, 343-344).

After the new General Assembly convened on June 15, 1773, the Committee of Elections and Privileges brought in their report containing the names of those elected to serve in it as Delegates. In Prince George's County they found that Robert Tyler, Joseph Sim, Thomas Contee and Josias Beall had been duly returned (p. 368). All of these men were present at the opening session on June 15 (pp. 334, 336). Calvert County chose as its representatives Alexander Somerville, William Lyles, Richard Parran and John Weems, Jr. (p. 368). While the first three of these Delegates put in their appearance on June 15 (p. 334), John Weems, Jr. was not sworn in until June 21 (p. 349).

The Delegates for Dorchester County were John and William Ennalls, Thomas White, and William Richardson (p. 368). Only Richardson was present when the General Assembly convened on June 15, 1773 (p. 334). Thomas White appeared for this county on June 16. He is erroneously listed as being returned from Charles County (p. 340). Two days later the Ennalls were sworn in (p. 345). William Ringgold, John Maxwell, Emory Sudler and Robert Buchanan were duly returned in Kent County (p. 368). Although the first three men were present on the opening day (p. 334), Buchanan did not appear until three days later (p. 345).

Those chosen to represent Queen Anne's County were Solomon Wright, Richard Tilghman Earle, John Brown and Turbutt Wright (p. 368). Only the latter was present when the Assembly convened on June 15, 1773 (p. 334). Solomon Wright and John Brown were sworn in on June 17 (p. 342), and, on the following day, Earle appeared (p. 345). William Paca and Mathias Hammond were the choice of the people of Annapolis as their deputies (p. 368). Both of these men were present on the opening day (p. 334). Ann Arundel County was fully represented on June 15 by Samuel Chase, Thomas Johnson, Jr., Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, and John Hall (pp. 334, 368).

As Delegates to represent Baltimore County Charles Ridgely, Thomas