

DURING THE YEARS 1774 TO 1776 MORE AND MORE OF THE POWERS OF GOVERNMENT CAME TO BE EXERCISED BY POPULAR BODIES, THOUGH THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR WAS STILL ACKNOWLEDGED UNTIL EDEN'S DEPARTURE. THESE POPULAR BODIES WERE:

*Provincial Convention—Chosen by the Freemen.*

June 22-25, 1774.....	Matthew Tilghman.....	President
Nov. 21-25, 1774.....	Matthew Tilghman.....	President
Dec. 8-12, 1774.....	Matthew Tilghman.....	President
April 24—May 3, 1775.....	Matthew Tilghman.....	President
July 26—Aug. 14, 1775.....	John Hall.....	President
Dec. 7, 1775—Jan. 18, 1776.....	Matthew Tilghman.....	President
May 8—July 6, 1776.....	Charles Carroll, Barrister..	President
Aug. 14—Nov. 11, 1776.....	Matthew Tilghman.....	President

*Councils of Safety Exercising Power in the Intervals  
Between Conventions.*

August 14, 1775 (first met August 29). This and all other committees served from the close of the convention at which they were elected to the close of the one next succeeding. Eight were from each shore of the bay. Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, President; Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Johnson, Thomas Smyth, Henry Hooper, William Paca, John Beale Bordley (declined to serve), Richard Lloyd, Edward Lloyd, James Hollyday, Charles Carroll, Barrister; Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Thomas Stone, Samuel Chase, Robert Alexander and Robert Goldsborough.

January 17, 1776 (first met January 18). Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, President; Charles Carroll, Barrister; John Hall, Benjamin Rumsey, James Tilghman, Thomas Smyth, Thomas Bedingfield Hands.

May 25, 1776 (first met May 27), Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, President; Charles Carroll, Barrister; John Hall, Benjamin Rumsey, George Plater, James Tilghman, Thomas Smyth, Thomas Bedingfield Hands, William Hayward.

July 5, 1776 (first met July 6), Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, President; John Hall, George Plater, Charles Carroll, Barrister; Benjamin Rumsey, Thomas Smyth, James Tilghman, Joseph Nicholson, Jr., Thomas Bedingfield Hands (declined, and Nicholas Thomas appointed in his place September 17, 1776).

November 10, 1776 (first met November 12), served until March 20, 1777. March 21, Senate adopted a resolution, followed by the House on the 22d, dissolving the Council of Safety because the new government was organized. The Legislature had been in session since February 5. Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, John Hall, George Plater, Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Joseph Nicholson, Charles Graham (declined), James Tilghman (declined), William Rumsey (declined), Thomas Contee (chosen to fill Graham's place), Samuel Wilson (chosen to fill Tilghman's place), William Hemsley (chosen to fill Rumsey's place, declined), James Lloyd Chamberlaine (appointed by Council January 3, 1777, to fill Hemsley's place, declined), Turbutt Wright (appointed by Council February 3, 1777, to fill Chamberlaine's place).

## State Governors.

*Elected Annually by the Legislature, with an Executive Council.*

1777—Thomas Johnson.	1785—William Smallwood.
1779—Thomas Sim Lee.	1788—John Eager Howard.
1782—William Paca.	1791—George Plater. (1)

<sup>1</sup>James Brice, of the Governor's Council, Acting Governor upon the death of Governor Plater in 1792.