

34. Thomas Tench, President of the Council, was Governor in Blakiston's absence. Blakiston left for England June 30, 1702. (See Council Proceedings June 26 and June 30, 1702. 25 Md. Arch. Coun. 125.)
35. John Seymour, commission dated February 12, 1702-3. Commission read in Council April 12, 1704 (25 Md. Arch. Coun. 174).
36. Francis Jenkins, senior member of the Council at the death of Governor Seymour, July 30, 1709, took no action.
37. Edward Lloyd, President of the Council. As Jenkins did not take any action upon Seymour's death, the Council appointed Lloyd, President.
38. John Hart, commissioned by the crown, January 17, 1713-14, arrived May 29, 1714; recommissioned by the Proprietary, May 30, 1715.
39. Thomas Brooke, President of the Council, May, 1720, when Hart went to England.
40. Charles Calvert, commissioned February?, 1719-20; presided at the Assembly of October, 1720.
41. Benedict Leonard Calvert, commission dated March 14, 1726-7. Commission read in Council and oath taken July 3, 1727 (25 Md. Arch. Coun. 468).
42. Samuel Ogle, commission dated September 16th, 1731. Commission read in Council and oath taken December 7, 1731 (25 Md. Arch. Coun. 549).
43. Charles, Lord Baltimore, Proprietor, present in Council December 11, 1732.
44. Samuel Ogle, commission dated June 20, 1733. Commission read in Council and oath taken July 11, 1733.
45. Thomas Bladen. Commission dated April 19, 1742. Commission read and oath taken August 23, 1742.
46. Samuel Ogle. Commission dated October 3, 1746. Commission read and oath taken March 16, 1746-7.
47. Benjamin Tasker. Ogle died May 3, 1752. Tasker took oath May 4.
48. Horatio Sharpe. Commission dated March 17, 1753. Commission read and oath taken August 10, 1753 (6 Md. Arch. Sharpe Papers 1).
49. Robert Eden, commissioned August 1, 1768, arrived June 5, 1769.
50. Richard Lee, President of the Council from May 28 to November 8, 1774, when Eden was in England, and from June 23, 1776, to July 4, 1776.

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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