

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL, 1777-1838

The Constitution of 1776 provided (Art. XXVI) that both houses of the Legislature elect by joint ballot five men to be "the Council to the Governor." This was an advisory body of considerable influence. It was also provided that on the death, removal or incapacity of the Governor the first named of the Council should become Governor and proceed to the calling of a special session of the Legislature for the election of a new Governor. The Council was abolished in 1837 by means of a Constitutional Amendment (Sec. 13).

- 1777—Chas. Carroll, Sr., Josiah Polk, Jr., Edward Lloyd, John Rogers, John Contee.
- 1778—Edward Lloyd, Thomas Sim, Daniel Carroll, James Hindman, James Brice.
- 1779—Edward Lloyd, Thomas Sim, Daniel Carroll, James Hindman, James Brice.
- 1780—John H. Stone, Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, Daniel Carroll, John Brice.
- 1781—Daniel Carroll, James Brice, Jeremiah T. Chase, Samuel T. Wright, John H. Stone.
- 1782—John H. Stone, James Brice, Jeremiah T. Chase, Samuel T. Wright, Benjamin C. Stoddert.
- 1783—Benj. C. Stoddert, Gabriel Duval, Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, John H. Stone.
- 1784—John H. Stone, James Brice, Jeremiah T. Chase, Gabriel Duval, Benjamin Ogle.
- 1785—Charles Wallace, Aquilla Paca, John Davidson, John H. Stone, Samuel T. Wright.
- 1786—Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, Gabriel Duval, John Kilty, Samuel T. Wright.
- 1787—Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, John Kilty, John Davidson, Benj. Harrison.
- 1788—Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, John Kilty, John Davidson, Benj. Harrison.
- 1789—James Brice, John Davidson, William Hindman, Josias C. Hall, John Kilty.
- 1790—John Kilty, James Brice, John Davidson, William Hindman, Rand. B. Latimer.
- 1791—Henry Ridgely, Rand. B. Latimer, John Davidson, John Kilty, James Brice.
- 1792—James Brice, John Kilty, Henry Ridgely, Maj. John Davidson, Benj. Harrison.
- 1793—William Pinkney, John Davidson, James Brice, John Kilty, Henry Ridgely.
- 1794—William Pinkney, John Davidson, James Brice, Henry Ridgely, William Kilty.
- 1795—William Pinkney, John Davidson, James Brice, Henry Ridgely, William Kilty.
- 1796—James Brice, Henry Ridgely, John Davidson, William Kilty, James Thomas.
- 1797—John Davidson, James Thomas, Jonathan Wilmer, Arthur Schaaff, John Johnson.
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