

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 1838 by means of a constitutional amendment (Sec. 13).

- Mar. 1777—Charles Carroll, Sr., (declined), Josiah Polk, John Rogers, Edward Lloyd, John Contee (declined), Thomas Sim Lee (elected vice Carroll Mar. 26, 1777), James Brice (elected vice Contee Apr. 16, 1777, declined), Joseph Sim (elected vice Brice Apr. 19, 1777).
- Nov. 1777—Thomas Sim Lee, Joseph Sim (declined), Edward Lloyd, John Rogers (declined), Josiah Polk (declined), James Brice (elected vice Sim Nov. 25, 1777), William Hemsley (elected vice Rogers Nov. 25, 1777), Daniel Carroll (elected vice Polk Nov. 28, 1777).
- Nov. 1778—Thomas Sim Lee, James Brice, Daniel Carroll, Edward Lloyd, James Hindman.
- Nov. 1779—John H. Stone, Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, Daniel Carroll, John Brice.
- Nov. 1780—Daniel Carroll, James Brice, John H. Stone, Jeremiah T. Chase, Samuel T. Wright.
- Nov. 1781—John H. Stone, James Brice, Jeremiah T. Chase, Samuel T. Wright, Benjamin C. Stoddert.
- Nov. 1782—Benjamin C. Stoddert, Gabriel Duvall, Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, John H. Stone.
- Nov. 1783—Jeremiah T. Chase (resigned), Gabriel Duvall (resigned), John H. Stone, James Brice (resigned), Benjamin Ogle (resigned), John Davidson (elected vice Chase Jan. 5, 1784), James Brice (elected vice Duvall July 29, 1784, declined), Aquila Paca (elected vice Brice Aug. 4, 1784), Samuel T. Wright (elected vice Ogle Apr. 3, 1784).
- Nov. 1784—Charles Wallace, Aquila Paca, John Davidson, John H. Stone, Samuel T. Wright.
- Nov. 1785—Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, Gabriel Duvall (resigned), John Kilty, Samuel T. Wright, William Paca (elected vice Duvall Apr. 27, 1786).
- Dec. 1786—Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, James Hindman, John Kilty, John Davidson.
- Nov. 1787—Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice, John Kilty, John Davidson, Benjamin Harrison.
- Nov. 1788—James Brice, John Davidson, William Hindman, Josias C. Hall, John Kilty.
- Nov. 1789—John Kilty, James Brice, John Davidson, William Hindman, Randolph B. Latimer.
- Nov. 1790—Henry Ridgely, Randolph B. Latimer, John Davidson, William Hindman, John Kilty.
- Nov. 1791—James Brice, Henry Ridgely, Randolph B. Latimer (declined), John H. Stone, John Davidson, Uriah Forrest (elected vice Latimer Dec. 31, 1791).
- Nov. 1792—James Brice, John Kilty, Henry Ridgely, John Davidson, William Pinkney.
- Nov. 1793—William Pinkney, John Davidson, James Brice, John Kilty (declined), Henry Ridgely, Christopher Richmond (elected vice Kilty Nov. 23, 1793).
- Nov. 1794—William Pinkney, John Davidson, James Brice, Henry Ridgely, William Kilty.
- Nov. 1795—James Brice, Henry Ridgely, John Davidson, William Kilty, James Thomas.