

GOVERNORS' COUNCILS, 1777-1838

The Constitution of 1776 (Art. XXVI) provided 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 (Acts 1836, ch. 197, sec. 13; Acts 1837, ch. 84).

- 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).