

1732-1733	Charles Calvert, Lord Proprietary
1733-1742	Samuel Ogle
1742-1746/7	Thomas Bladen
1746/7-1752	Samuel Ogle
1752-1753	Benjamin Tasker Became President of the Council upon the death of Governor Ogle.
1753-1769	Horatio Sharpe
1769-1776	Robert Eden Eden was in England from May to November 1774, during which time Richard Lee, President of the Council, governed the Province. Lee also gov- erned the Province briefly in 1776 during the inter- val between the departure of Eden and the as- sumption of the government by the Convention.

### REVOLUTIONARY INTERREGNUM

During the years 1774-76 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. The Conventions were composed of delegates from each county elected by the freemen of the Province in much the same manner as was the House of Delegates. It was inconvenient for so large a group (at one meeting there were 141 delegates) to remain in continuous session; therefore, Councils of Safety were elected by the Conventions to exercise executive power during the intervals between Convention meetings. With some exceptions, the Councils of Safety were composed of nine members, five from the Western Shore and four from the Eastern Shore. The Convention, which met from August 14, 1776, about six weeks after the Declaration of Independence, through November 11, 1776, framed the Constitution which governed Maryland until 1851. The General Assembly established by the Constitution began meeting on February 5, 1777, but the Council of Safety continued to function as the executive body of the State until March 20 of the same year. On March 22, 1777, the Assembly adopted a resolution "for dissolving the Council of Safety and Vesting the Governor and Council with their Powers." The Governor and Council had qualified two days earlier on March 20, and they immediately began to perform the duties assigned to them.

#### Conventions of the Province of Maryland

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

#### Councils of Safety

August 29, 1775-October 21, 1775 Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, President, Thomas Johnson, Jr., William Paca, Charles Carroll, Bar-