

PROPRIETARY ASSEMBLY OF 1646-1646/47¹

Cecilius Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltimore, proprietor

Leonard Calvert, governor

Edward Hill, deputy governor 1 (Ds-2)¹

FIRST SESSION: Fall 1646¹

SECOND SESSION: December 29, 1646-January 2, 1646/47

UPPER HOUSE²

John Lewger

Thomas Greene

Thomas Gerard

LOWER HOUSE³

(No definite record of membership)

¹ The first session of this Assembly, called by Deputy Governor Edward Hill, apparently met in the fall of 1646 following Hill's commission in July of that year. The Assembly's legality was later questioned because Hill's appointment was invalid due to his not being a councilor. The second session, also challenged later because it met under the same summons from Hill, was chaired by Leonard Calvert, who had returned to Maryland by the late fall of 1646.

² This was the first Assembly to meet in two houses; the division had occurred at least by the second session.

³ The Assembly of 1649 would charge that "the whole house of Commons (two or three only excepted) consisted of that Rebelled Party and his [Calvert's] Professed Enemies." It is very likely that the membership included the nine men who swore to the oath of fealty to the proprietary government on January 2, 1646/47 along with Lewger, Gerard, and Greene, the three known members of the Upper House at the second session. Those men and their probable constituencies were: Francis Gray (St. George's Hundred), John Hampton (probably Kent Isle), John Hatch (St. Mary's Hundred), Francis Pope (probably Newtown Hundred), William Thompson (Newtown Hundred), William Bretton (Newtown Hundred, probably clerk of the Assembly), Nathaniel Pope (St. Mary's Hundred), Thomas Sturman (St. Michael's Hundred), John Hollis (St. Mary's Hundred). Of these men, at least Sturman, Gray, and Hampton were "rebels."

PROPRIETARY ASSEMBLY OF 1647/48

Cecilius Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltimore, proprietor

Thomas Greene, governor

A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ALL FREEMEN

January 7; January 17-March 4, 1647/48

SPECIAL WRIT

Giles Brent, of the Council

FREEMEN IN ATTENDANCE

John Price
Robert Vaughan
Cuthbert Fenwick
Thomas Bradnox
Philip Conner
Thomas Thornborough
Francis Brookes
Thomas Allen

Richard Banks
Barnaby Jackson
George Saphyr
George Akerick
John Medley
Walter Waterlin
Walter Pakes (Peake)
Edward Packer

Robert Clarke
Francis Posey
John Hatch
William Thompson
John Wyatt
Edward Cotten
John Halfhead
William Bretton

George Manners
Robert Percy
Margaret Brent¹
Nicholas Gwither²
"& divers other
inhabitants"

Committee Service

ACCOUNTS
G. Brent
Vaughan

Price
Saphyr
Jackson
Packer

DEFENSE
Bretton
Hatch

Banks
Saphyr
Jackson

¹ Denied the right to vote by Governor Greene.

² Denied the right to vote when Cuthbert Fenwick claimed that Gwither still owed him service on an indenture.