

On the second Monday in December and Ninth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen The General Assembly of Maryland agreeably to the Constitution and Form of Government proceeded to the choice of the Governor when the honourable Charles Ridgely of Hampton was selected

On the Tuesday following and tenth day of the same month the General Assembly made choice of the following Gentlemen as Council to the Governor to wit William Potter, Henry H. Chapman, Richard Faisby, James Shaw and William H. Ward

Tuesday December 10th 1816

His Excellency Charles Ridgely of Hampton qualified in the Senate Room in presence of the Members of both Houses of the Legislature by taking the several oaths required by the Constitution and Form of Government and the laws of this State and by subscribing a Declaration of his belief in the Christian Religion and also by taking the oath to support the Constitution of the United States

Thursday December the 12th 1816

The honourable Henry H. Chapman and James Shaw appeared in the Council Room and qualified before Benjamin Pindell Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace for Anne Arundel County by taking the several oaths required by the Constitution and Form of Government and laws of this State and making and subscribing a declaration of their belief in the Christian Religion and also by taking an oath to support the Constitution of the United States.

Wednesday December the 13th 1816

The honourable William H. Ward appeared in the Council Room and qualified before Benjamin Pindell Esquire a Justice of the Peace for Anne Arundel County by taking the several oaths required by the Constitution and Form of Government and laws of this State and making and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the Christian Religion as also by taking an oath to support the Constitution of the United States.