

On the second Monday in December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen and eighth day of the same month the General Assembly of Maryland agreeably to the constitution and Form of Government proceeded to the choice of a Governor when his Excellency Charles Ridgely of Hampton was reelected. On the Tuesday following and ninth day of the same month the General Assembly made choice of the following Gentlemen as Council to the Governor to wit Daniel Murray John Stoops John Eager Howard Junior Henry A. Ballis and Arnold L. Jones Esquires.

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Thursday December the 18<sup>th</sup> 1817

His Excellency Charles Ridgely of Hampton qualified in the Senate room in the 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 an oath to support the Constitution of the United States.

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Friday December the 19. 1817

The Honorable Daniel Murray John Stoops and Henry A. Ballis appeared in the Council room and qualified before Kinaldo 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.

The Council met Present his Excellency the Governor and the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Daniel Murray John Stoops and Henry A. Ballis.

Ninian Pinkney was unanimously appointed Clerk of the Council and qualified before Kinaldo Pindell Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace for Anne Arundel County by taking and subscribing the several oaths and the Declaration prescribed for that purpose.