

On Monday the eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two the General Assembly of Maryland provided to the choice of a Governor for the ensuing year, when His Excellency John Francis Mercer was re-elected, and immediately qualified in the Senate Room, in presence of the Members of both Houses of the Legislature, by taking the several oaths prescribed by the Constitution and 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.

On Tuesday following the General Assembly made choice of the following Gentlemen as Council to the Governor, to wit. Francis Diggis Allen, B. Duckett, Edward Hall, Piercy Ghislin and Davidson David.

Wednesday November the 10. 1802

The Honble Francis Diggis Allen, Bowin Duckett, Edward Hall, Piercy Ghislin and Davidson David, appeared in the Council Room and qualified before Allen Luyton, 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 of the United States and making and subscribing a declaration of their belief in the Christian Religion. Certificate thereof filed.

The Council met. Present His Excellency the Governor and all the Council. Ninian Penney was re-appointed Clerk of the Council, and qualified as such.

Mr. Subb Towler was re-appointed Mesenger of the Council.

Mr. Clement Briscol was appointed Inspector of Tobacco at Chaplins Warehouse in Saint Marys County vice William Walter deceased, and Commission issued to him accordingly.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr. William Faris five pounds eight shillings and one penny half penny for repairing and cleaning the Clock at the Government House, and that the same be drawn from the Contingent Fund.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the honble Davidson David the sum of one hundred pounds for six Months Salary as a Member of the Council due the first instant.

John F. Mercer