

MEMBERS OF THE COMMONS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
1702-1711

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At an election held at Charles Town, March 11-14, 1702, the following were elected members of the Commons House of Assembly for Berkeley County:

Dr. Charles Burnham, Capt. John Guppell, Major Charles Colleton, Col. Thomas Broughton, Capt. Job Howes, William Smith, merchant, John Buckley, Col. Stephen Bull, Landgrave Thomas Smith, George Logan, Nicholas Trott, Serurier Smith, Capt. John Godfrey, Capt. James Risbee, Capt. David Davis, Henry Wigington, Richard Beresford, Major Benjamin Waring, Capt. George Smith, Major William Smith and Capt. Abraham Eve.¹

The election for Colleton County was held at Willtown, March 11, 1702, and the following were returned as members:

John Ash, James Stanyarne, John Stanyarne, James Gilbertson, Thomas Elliott, Capt. William Brockhust, Thomas Jones, John Raven, Capt. William Bower and Joseph Ellicott.

On March 31, 1703, an election for members of the Commons House of Assembly for Berkeley County was held at Charles Town when the following were returned: Job Howes, David Davis, Daniel Lindrey, George Logan, Charles Colleton, James Risbee, William Smith, merchant, Major William Smith, Richard Beresford, Ralph Izard, Benjamin Schenckingsh, George Cantey, William Cantey, John Guppell, Serurier Smith, George Dearsley, Alexander Parris, John Godfrey, John Buckley, John Stroud.

At the same time the following were elected members of the Commons House for Colleton County:

John Ash, James Stanyarne, John Stanyarne, Thomas Jones,

¹ Berkeley County was entitled to but twenty representatives, but the sheriff (the returning officer) reported that Major William Smith and Capt. Abraham Eve had each received ten more votes that had been contested and that as Eve's vote, had those ten been counted, would have been higher than that received by one or two of those returned he had returned him also, so that the House might settle the matter.

John Beamor, James Cochran, Lawrence Dennis, John Hamilton, John Raven and William Edwards.

At an election held February 13, 1705/6, the following members were returned for Berkeley County: James Risbee, Ralph Izard, William Rhett, John Abraham Motte, Edward Loughton, Henry Wigington, Thomas Rose, James Moore, Jr., Arthur Middleton, Jonathan Fitch, Hugh Grange, Job Howes, Robert Daniell, Thomas Barton, Lewis Pasquereau, William Capers, Dove Williamson, David Davis, William Bull and John Cantey, and the following were elected for Colleton County: William Davis, Robert Seabrook, Christopher Wilkinson, John Whitmarsh, Hugh Hext, John Woodward, John Ash, Thomas Farr, William Peter and Dr. James Williams.

At an election held on May 21, 1707, the following members were returned for Berkeley County: David Davis, James Moore, George Chicken, Hugh Grange, Richard Beresford, Thomas Smith, George Logan, John Abraham Motte, William Gibbon, Jonathan Drake, John Stroud, George Smith, William Smith, William Elliott, Robert Fenwick, Evan McPherson, William Bull, Thomas Cary, Henry Wigington and Edward Loughton, and the following were returned for Colleton County: Joseph Morton, Thomas Nairne, John Ash, John Stanyarne, Christopher Wilkinson, John Woodward, James Cochran, John Wilkins, John Raven and Thomas Jones.

At an election held May 8, 1711,² the following members were elected for Berkeley County: David Davis, Hugh Grange, Ralph Izard, William Fuller, George Logan, Alexander Parris, William Rhett, Peter Slann, Henroydah English, Manly Williamson, William Gibbon, Henry Wigington, Benjamin Quelch, John Ouldfield, Robert Lowrey, John Morgan, Benjamin Godin, James Kinloch, Henry LeNoble and Richard Peterson, and for Colleton County: Richard Woodward, John Godfrey, Arthur Hall, Jacob Beamor, James Stanyarne, John Whitmarsh, James Cochran, Alexander McKey, John Musgrove and William Peter.

² An election was held in 1708, but as the journal now extant does not contain the lists of returns the membership of the House can be learned only from the journal as a whole