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Pennsylvania Assembly

Held at Newcastle on 14 October 1700

Second session held at Philadelphia on 1 June 1701

Philadelphia	Shippen, Edward	Kent	Brinkloe, John
Philadelphia	Owen, Griffith	Kent	Wilson, Richard
Philadelphia	Ellis, Rowland	Kent	Morton, William
Philadelphia	Norris, Isaac	Kent	Moleston, Henry
Bucks	Growdon, Joseph (Speaker)	Newcastle	Healy, John *
Bucks	Hough, Richard	Newcastle	Hallowell, Richard *
Bucks	Dark, Samuel	Newcastle	French, Robert *
Bucks	Heaton, Robert	Newcastle	Yeats, Jasper *
Chester	Baker, Joseph	Sussex	Hill, John
Chester	Levis, Samuel	Sussex	Pemberton, Thomas
Chester	Newlin, Nathaniel	Sussex	Watson, Luke, Jr.
Chester	Pile, Nicholas	Sussex	Fenwick, Thomas

* Complaints were filed that insufficient notice of the election were given in Newcastle. The election was declared void by the Assembly and the four representatives were denied their seats, A new return was made in late October, returning the same individuals, who were seated. (*Archives*, 1:244-247.)

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Pennsylvania Assembly

Held at Philadelphia on 15 September 1701

Philadelphia	Morris, Anthony	Kent	Rodney, William *
Philadelphia	Richardson, Samuel	Kent	Brinkloe, John *
Philadelphia	Walne, Nicholas	Kent	Morton, William *
Philadelphia	Norris, Isaac	Kent	Walker, John *
Bucks	Growdon, Joseph (Speaker)	Newcastle	Yeats, Jasper *
Bucks	Swift, John	Newcastle	Donaldson, John *
Bucks	Hoopes, Joshua	Newcastle	Hallowell, Richard *
Bucks	Paxton, William	Newcastle	Peterson, Adam *
Chester	Blunston, John	Sussex	Clarke, William
Chester	Pile, Robert	Sussex	Watson, Luke, Jr. *
Chester	Newlin, Nathaniel	Sussex	Preston, Samuel
Chester	Job, Andrew	Sussex	Booth, Joseph

* A reorganization of the Pennsylvania government had led to increasing conflict between the representatives of Kent, Newcastle, and Sussex, variously referred to as the “Lower Counties,” and the “Territories.” In October 1700, representatives of the Lower Counties demanded that the new governmental proposal, known as the “Act of Union” include a clause requiring that the Lower Counties would always have an equal or greater number of representatives in the Assembly. Otherwise, the union would be dissolved. When the issue was finally voted upon at this session, the individuals noted refused to vote and left the House. Another member, believed to have been Joseph Booth, was already absent from the meeting. The remaining 14 members then passed the new law unanimously. A new demand, essentially giving the Lower Counties a veto power over legislation was rejected and the dissenters once again left the House. A compromise was finally reached in which the dissenters returned to the House, their protest was acknowledged and the Governor pledged that no new legislation would be presented during the session.

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