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 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.