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North Carolina Officeholders, 1787–1790

State Officers

Governor

Richard Caswell (1786–87)
Samuel Johnston (1787–89)
Alexander Martin (1789–92)

Secretary of State

James Glasgow

Treasurer

John Haywood

Attorney General

Alfred Moore

Comptroller

Francis Child

Superior Court of Law and Equity

Samuel Ashe
Samuel Spencer
John Williams

Council of State

1787

Whitmel Hill (Martin)
Charles Johnson (Chowan)
Willie Jones (Halifax)^(a)
John Kinchen (Orange)
Thomas Brown (Bladen)
John Skinner (Perquimans)
John Mare (Chowan)
Clerk: William Johnston Dawson

1788

James Armstrong (Pitt)
Josiah Collins (Tyrrell)
Dempsey Conner (Pasquotank)
Whitmel Hill (Martin)
James Iredell (Chowan)^(a)
John Kinchen (Orange)
John Skinner (Perquimans)
William Borritz (Chowan)
Clerk: William Johnston Dawson

1789

Charles Bruce (Guilford)
Jesse Franklin (Surry)
James Gillespie (Duplin)
John Hamilton (Guilford)
Wyatt Hawkins (Warren)^(a)
Griffith Rutherford (Rowan)
James Taylor (Rockingham)
Clerk: Thomas Henderson

Delegates to Confederation Congress

James White
John Swann
Hugh Williamson

Commissioners to the Annapolis Convention^(b)

John Gray Blount
Philemon Hawkins
Alfred Moore
Abner Nash
Hugh Williamson

*Delegates to the Constitutional
Convention*

William Blount^(c)
Richard Caswell (resigned)
William R. Davie
Willie Jones (resigned)
Alexander Martin
Richard Dobbs Spaight^(c)
Hugh Williamson^(c)

^(a)President
^(b)Only Williamson traveled to Annapolis,
but he arrived a day after the Convention
adjourned.
^(c)Signed Constitution on 17 September
1787.

General Assembly of North Carolina

Assembly of 1787

Tarborough, N.C.

19 November–22 December 1787

SENATE

Speaker: Alexander Martin, Guilford
Clerk: Sherwood Haywood, Edgecombe

Robert Alexander (Lincoln)
Elisha Battle (Edgecombe)
George H. Berger (Rowan)
Anthony Bledsoe (Sumner)
Joseph Boon (Johnston)
John A. Campbell (New Hanover)
Richard Clinton (Sampson)
James Coor (Craven)
William Crawford (Richmond)
John Easton (Carteret)
Alexius M. Foster (Brunswick)
James Galloway (Rockingham)
Isaac Gregory (Camden)
Hardy Griffin (Nash)
Frederick Harget (Jones)
Jesse Hendley (Randolph)
Henry Hill (Franklin)
Robert Irwin (Mecklenburg)
John Johnston (Bertie)
Abraham [or Abram] Jones (Hyde)

Allen Jones (Northampton)
Jacob Jordan (Chowan)
James Kenan (Duplin)
Daniel Kennedy (Greene)
Joel Lane (Wake)
William Lenoir (Wilkes)
Nicholas Long (Halifax)
Alexander McAllister (Cumberland)
William McCauley (Orange)
Charles McDowall (Burke)
John Macon (Warren)
Alexander Martin (Guilford)
Joseph Martin (Sullivan)
Nathan Mayo (Martin)
James Miller (Rutherford)
Stephen Miller (Anson)
George Mitchell (Onslow)
Dempsey Moore (Caswell)
Burwell Mooring (Wayne)
Thomas Overton (Moore)

Thomas Owen (Bladen)
Thomas Person (Granville)
Ambrose Ramsey (Chatham)
Joseph Reddick (Gates)
Thomas Relfe (Pasquotank)
James Robertson (Davidson)
Benjamin Sheppard (Dobbs)
John Skinner (Perquimans)
John Smaw (Beaufort)

John Stokes (Montgomery)
John Warrington (Tyrrell)
Hollowell Williams (Currituck)
John Williams (Pitt)
John Willis (Robeson)
Joseph Winston (Surry)
George Wyns (Hertford)
Vacant (Hawkins)
Vacant (Washington)

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Speaker: John Sitgreaves, New Bern
Clerk: John Hunt, Franklin

Representatives by County

Anson County

Lewis Lanier
William Wood

Beaufort County

John Gray Blount
Henry Smaw

Bertie County

William Horn
Andrew Oliver

Bladen County

John Brown
Samuel Cain

Brunswick County

Lewis Dupree
Jacob Leonard

Burke County

Joseph McDowall of
Pleasant Gardens
Joseph McDowall of
Quaker Meadows

Camden County

Peter Dauge
Enoch Sawyer

Carteret County

John Fulford
Nathan Fuller
Eli West

Caswell County

Robert Dickins
Adam Sanders

Chatham County

James Anderson
Joseph Stewart

Chowan County

Josiah Copeland
Lemuel Creecy

Craven County

Richard Nixon
Richard Dobbs Spaight

Cumberland County

William Barry Grove
James Thackston

Currituck County

Joseph Ferebee
John Humphries

Davidson County

Robert Ewing
Robert Hayes

Dobbs County

William Sheppard
Bryan Whitfield

Duplin County

Joseph Dickson
Joseph T. Rhodes

Edgecombe County

Robert Diggs
John Dolvin

Franklin County

Jordan Hill
Thomas Sherrod

Gates County

John Baker
William Baker

Granville County

Howell Lewis
Thornton Yancey

Greene County

David Campbell
Vacant

Guilford County

Barzilla Gardner
William Goudy

Halifax County

John Branch
John Dawson

Hawkins County

Nathaniel Henderson
William Marshall

Hertford County

Robert Montgomery
Thomas Wyns

Hyde County

John Eborne
Southy Rew

Johnston County

William Bridges
Everet Pearce

Jones County

Nathan Bryan
William Randal

Lincoln County

Joseph Jenkins
Daniel McKissick

Martin County

Joseph Bryan
Edward Smithwick

Mecklenburg County

Caleb Phifer
William Polk

Montgomery County

Thomas Childs
William Kindal

Moore County

John Cox
Thomas Tyson

Nash County

John Bonds
Micajah Thomas

New Hanover County

Timothy Bloodworth
Thomas Devane, Jr.

Northampton County

Robert Peebles
James Vaughan

Onslow County

Edward Starkey
Daniel Yates

Orange County

Jonathan Lindley
Alexander Mebane

Pasquotank County

Edward Everagain
Caleb Koen

Perquimans County

Thomas Hervey
Joseph Skinner

Pitt County

Reading Blount
Robert Williams

Randolph County

John Stanfield
Edmund Waddell

Richmond County

William Pickett
Robert Webb

Robeson County

Elias Barnes
William Latham

Rockingham County

William Bethell
Peter Perkins

Rowan County

Thomas Carson
William Tatham

Rutherford County

Richard Singleton
James Withrow

Sampson County

David Dodd
Lewis Holmes

Sullivan County

George Maxwell
John Scott

Sumner County

James Sanders
Vacant

Surry County

Seth Coffin
James Gains

Tyrrell County

Benjamin Spruil
Simeon Spruil

Wake County

Nathaniel Jones
Britain Saunders

Warren County

Philemon Hawkins
Wyatt Hawkins

Washington County

Robert Alison
James Stewart

Wayne County

Richard McKinnie
William Taylor

Wilkes County

John Brown
Jesse Franklin

Representatives by Borough Towns

Edenton

Stephen Cabarrus

Town of Halifax

William R. Davie

Hillsborough

John Taylor

New Bern

John Sitgreaves

Salisbury

John Steele

Wilmington

Joshua Potts

Assembly of 1788

Fayetteville, N.C.

3 November–6 December 1788

SENATE

Speaker: Alexander Martin, Guilford

Clerk: Sherwood Haywood, Edgecombe

Thomas Amis (Hawkins)

John Armstrong (Surry)

John Auld (Anson)

John M. Bentford (Northampton)

Timothy Bloodworth (New Hanover)

William Blount (Pitt)

Thomas Brickell (Franklin)

Thomas Brown (Bladen)

William Brown (Beaufort)

Arthur Bryan (Johnston)

Redman Bunn (Nash)

Richard Caswell (Dobbs)

Joseph Dickson (Lincoln)

Thomas Dougan (Randolph)

Lewis Dupree (Brunswick)

Bazel Gaither (Rowan)

James Galloway (Rockingham)

Joseph Graham (Mecklenburg)

Etheldred Gray (Edgecombe)

Isaac Gregory (Camden)

Frederick Harget (Jones)

Thomas Harvey (Perquimans)

Joseph Hill (Carteret)

Whitmill Hill (Martin)

Hardy Holmes (Sampson)

John Humphries (Currituck)

Memucan Hunt (Granville)

Charles Johnson (Chowan)

John Johnston (Bertie)

Thomas Johnston (Onslow)

Abraham [or Abram] Jones (Hyde)

Willie Jones (Halifax)

Joseph Keaton (Pasquotank)

James Kenan (Duplin)

Joel Lane (Wake)

William Lenoir (Wilkes)

Alexander McAllister (Cumberland)

William McCauley (Orange)

Charles McDowall (Burke)

Richard McKinnie (Wayne)

John Macon (Warren)

Alexander Martin (Guilford)

Robert Montgomery (Hertford)

David Nesbitt (Montgomery)

Thomas Overton (Moore)

Robert Payne (Caswell)

Ambrose Ramsey (Chatham)

Joseph Reddick (Gates)

James Robertson (Davidson)
James Roddy (Greene)
Richard Singleton (Rutherford)
Thomas Stewart (Tyrrell)
John Tipton (Washington)

Robert Webb (Richmond)
Benjamin Williams (Craven)
John Willis (Robeson)
Vacant (Sullivan)
Vacant (Sumner)

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Speaker: John Sitgreaves, New Bern

Clerk: John Hunt, Franklin

Representatives by County

Anson County

Lewis Lanier
Pleasant May

Beaufort County

John Gray Blount
Henry Smaw

Bertie County

William Horn
Frances Pugh

Bladen County

John Brown
Samuel Cain

Brunswick County

John Cains
Jacob Leonard

Burke County

Joseph McDowall of
Pleasant Gardens
Joseph McDowall of
Quaker Meadows

Camden County

Peter Dauge
Enoch Sawyer

Carteret County

John Fulford
William Shepperd

Caswell County

Benjamin Douglass
John Graves

Chatham County

James Anderson
Joseph Stewart

Chowan County

Stephen Cabarrus
Lemuel Creecy

Craven County

John Allen
Richard Nixon

Cumberland County

William Barry Grove
John McKay

Currituck County

Griffith Dauge
Thomas P. Williams

Davidson County

Thomas Hardiman
Elijah Robertson

Dobbs County

Nathan Lassiter
Benjamin Sheppard

Duplin County

Robert Dickson
Charles Ward

Edgecombe County

William Fort
Joshua Killibrew

Franklin County

Brittain Harris
Jordan Hill

Gates County

Seth Eason
David Rice

Granville County

Elijah Mitchell
Thomas Person

Greene County

Joseph Hardin
Alexander Outlaw

Guilford County

William Goudy
John Hamilton

Halifax County

John Branch
John Jones

Hawkins County

William Cocke
Thomas King

Hertford County

Henry Baker
Henry Hill

Hyde County

John Eborne
Southy Rew

Johnston County

John Bryan, Jr.
William Ward

Jones County

John Hill Bryan
William Randal

Lincoln County

William Maclaine
John Moore

Martin County

Ebenezer Slade
William Williams

Mecklenburg County

Joseph Douglas
Caleb Phifer

Montgomery County

James Tindall
Thomas Ussery

Moore County

William Martin
William Mears

Nash County

John Bonds
Wilson Vick

New Hanover County

Thomas Devane
John Pugh Williams

Northampton County

John Knox
Robert Peebles

Onslow County

Reuben Grant
Daniel Yates

Orange County

Jonathan Lindley
Alexander Mebane

Pasquotank County

Devotion Davis
Edward Everagain

Perquimans County

Joseph Harvey
Joshua Skinner

Pitt County

Shadrick Allen
John Moye

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William Bell
Zebedee Wood

Richmond County

Miles King
Edward Williams

Robeson County

Elias Barnes
Neil Brown

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David Caldwell
Thomas Carson

Rutherford County

William Porter
James Withrow

Sampson County

Lewis Holmes
William King

Sullivan County

George Maxwell
John Scott

Sumner County

James Clendening
William Walter

Surry County

George Houser
William T. Lewis

Tyrrell County

Samuel Chesson
Simeon Spruil

Wake County

James Hinton
Britain Saunders

Warren County

Wyatt Hawkins
Henry Montfort

Washington County

John Blair
James Stewart

Wayne County

James Hanley
William Taylor

Wilkes County

John Brown
Joseph Herndon

Representatives by Borough Towns

Edenton

William Cumming

Town of Halifax

Goodorum Davis

Hillsborough

Absalom Tatom

New Bern

John Sitgreaves

Salisbury

John Steele

Wilmington

Edward Jones

Assembly of 1789

Fayetteville, N.C.

2 November–22 December 1789

SENATE

Speakers: Richard Caswell, Dobbs

Charles Johnson, Chowan

Speakers Pro Tempore: Charles Johnson, Chowan

John B. Ashe, Halifax

Clerk: Sherwood Haywood, Edgecombe

Thomas Amis (Hawkins)

John Arnold (Randolph)

John B. Ashe (Halifax)

John M. Bentford

(Northampton)

George H. Berger (Rowan)

Timothy Bloodworth

(New Hanover)

William Blount (Pitt)

Thomas Brown (Bladen)

William Brown (Beaufort)

Arthur Bryan (Johnston)

Landon Carter (Washington)

Richard Caswell (Dobbs)

Samuel Clay (Granville)

Richard Clinton (Sampson)

Joseph Dickson (Lincoln)

William Donnelson

(Davidson)

John Easton (Carteret)

John Eborne (Hyde)

Jeremiah Frazier (Tyrrell)

James Galloway

(Rockingham)

James Gillespie (Duplin)

William Goudy (Guilford)

Joseph Graham

(Mecklenburg)

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John Herritage (Dobbs)

Joseph Hodge (Orange)

Charles Johnson (Chowan)

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Joseph Keaton (Pasquotank)

William Kindal

(Montgomery)

Joel Lane (Wake)

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George Lucas (Chatham)

Alexander McAllister

(Cumberland)

Charles McDowall (Burke)

Richard McKinnie (Wayne)

John Macon (Warren)

Joseph Martin (Sullivan)

Nathan Mayo (Martin)

John Montgomery

(Tennessee)

John Nesbitt (Iredell)

Thomas Overton (Moore)

Robert Payne (Caswell)

Joseph Reddick (Gates)

John Sevier (Greene)

Richard Singleton

(Rutherford)

John Skinner (Perquimans)

Daniel Smith (Sumner)

Thomas Wade (Anson)

Robert Webb (Richmond)

Benjamin Williams (Craven)

Howell Williams (Currituck)

John Willis (Robeson)

Joseph Winston (Surry)

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Daniel Yates (Onslow)

Vacant (Brunswick)

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Clerk: John Hunt, Franklin

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Francis Pugh

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Duncan Stewart

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Benjamin Smith

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John Wallace

Caswell County

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John Womack

Chatham County

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William Beck
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Thomas Sherrod

Gates County

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Granville County

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Greene County

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John Hamilton

Halifax County

Marmaduke Norfleet
Peter Qualls

Hawkins County

Thomas King
James White

Hertford County

Henry Baker
Robert Montgomery

Hyde County

John Alderson
Michael Peters

Iredell County

Adam Brevard
Musentine Matthews

Johnston County

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Benjamin Williams

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John Hill Bryan
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Lincoln County

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Nash County

John Bonds
Wilson Vick

New Hanover County

John A. Campbell
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Northampton County

Samuel Peete
Halcott B. Pride

Onslow County

Robert W. Snead
John Spicer

Orange County

Jonathan Lindley
Alexander Mebane

Pasquotank County

Edward Everagain
Thomas Reading

Perquimans County

Benjamin Perry
Ashbury Sutton

Pitt County

Shadrick Allen
James Armstrong

Randolph County

Aaron Hill
Zebedee Wood

Richmond County

William Robinson
Edward Williams

Robeson County

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Neil Brown

Rockingham County

William Bethell
Abraham [or Abram]
Phillips

Rowan County

Matthew Lock
John Stokes

Rutherford County

James Holland
William Porter

Sampson County

James Spiller
James Thompson

Sullivan County

John Rhea
John Scott

Sumner County

David Wilson
Vacant

Surry County

Absalom Bostick
Gideon Edwards

Tennessee County

John Drew
Thomas Johnston

Tyrrell County

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Burwell Mooring

Wilkes County

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Hillsborough

William Nash

New Bern

Isaac Guion

Salisbury

Maxwell Chambers

Wilmington

Edward Jones

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