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1832: Governor

Total votes cast:	41,074	Percent: 100
Necessary for election:	20,537	50 plus 1 vote
William Palmer had:	17,318	42.2%
Samuel Crafts had:	15,499	37.8%
Ezra Meech had:	8,210	20.0%

Comments: William Palmer fell 3,220 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1832. The joint assembly convened on October 12 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Palmer was elected on the 43rd ballot, receiving 111 of 221 ballots cast (50.2%). Crafts received 72 (32.6%), and Meech 37 (16.7%).

There is a valuable discussion by members of the Supreme Court in Governor and Council VIII, 278 on the tenure of the executive office, an early query from the assembly on whether they couldn't just elect a Lieutenant Governor.

1832: Lieutenant Governor

Total votes cast:	40,935	Percent: 100
Necessary for election:	20,468	50 plus 1 vote
Lebbeus Egerton had:	17,181	41.9
Jedediah Harris had:	15,304	37.4
John Roberts had:	8,439	20.6

Comments: Lebbeus Egerton fell 3,287 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1832. The joint assembly convened on October 12 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Egerton was elected on the 14th ballot, an election which was decided before that of Governor, receiving 111 of 219 ballots cast (50.7%). Harris received 66 (30.3%), and Meech 40 (18.3%).