

Two divisions occurred upon May 9. The first, authorizing the Governor to distribute arms to the Counties, passed by a vote of 22 to 12, the opposition taking the ground that he already had the power and being composed of two votes from Kent, two from Somerset, Hanson from Charles, Thomas from Talbot, Hooper from Dorchester, George and Pearce from Cecil, Edward Sprigg and Wootton from Prince George's, and Gordon from Annapolis. The other vote was more of a test of strength as to preparing an Address to the King and the opposition only mustered 6 votes (Dulany was away on that day) viz. the faithful two each from Kent and from Somerset, with Hooper and Gordon. The majority numbered 31. The report of the Committee of Aggrievances was approved on May 12, by a vote of 32 to 6, the minority being composed of the same persons as in the vote immediately preceding this one. A motion to enter upon the Journal certain letters which dealt with the controversy over the copying of documents was made on May 13, was supported by the Proprietary Party, and resulted in their only victory upon a roll call during the session; the tally being 21 to 19. Aisquith and Waughop from St. Mary's, Calder from Kent, Henry Hall from Anne Arundel, Middleton and Hanson from Charles, King from Somerset, Robert Lloyd and Thomas from George, Colville and Rumsey from Cecil, and Wilkinson and R. N. Wright of Queen Anne's joined the faithful six in making the majority.

On May 22, three votes were taken concerning a case between the Lord Proprietary and Vachel Denton, which had recently been decided in the Provincial Court. On all three roll calls, the vote stood 22 to 18 and the same persons voted the same way every time. The House first decided to consider whether the decision was correct, then voted that it was not in accordance with the Provincial Statute, and then expressed its opinion that the word "person" included the Proprietary. Harris and Hynson from Kent were absent. The minority (a large one) for the Proprietary side was made up of Aisquith from St. Mary's, Calder from Kent, Hanson and Middleton from Charles, King, Henry and Gale from Somerset, Goldsborough, Robert Lloyd and Thomas from Talbot, Hooper from Dorchester, George Colvill and Rumsey from Cecil, Pemberton and R. N. Wright from Queen Anne's, together with the two Annapolis men.

On May 27, the bill for emitting bills of credit to the amount of £2562.10.0 current money was passed by a vote of 36 to 8. The Proprietary Party: Harris and Hynson, Dulany and Gordon, Gale and Henry, were joined by Middleton of Charles and George of Cecil in the negative. Two days later the Assize Bill—that for the "trial of all matters of fact in the several Counties where they have arisen"—passed by a vote of 33 to 10. In the negative, together with Harris, Dulany, and Gordon, were a curious gathering: Calder