

The last previous Assembly was elected in 1734, four years previously, and there were many changes, as the following list shows, in which the new members are indicated by italics: St. Mary's, John Read, James Waughop, *James Swan*, *Thomas Aisquith*; Kent, George Willson, Philip Kennard, *Thomas Smith*, *Charles Hynson*; Anne Arundel, Daniel Dulany, Vachel Denton, *Philip Hammond*, *Samuel Smith*; Calvert, John Mackall, Benjamin Mackall, Walter Smith, *James Weems*; Charles, John Courts, William Middleton, *Bayne Smallwood*, Robert Hanson; Somerset, Levin Gale, Robert King, William Stoughton, *Robert Jenkins Henry*; Talbot, Nicholas Goldsborough, *William Thomas*, *Edward Lloyd*, *Robert Lloyd*; Dorchester, Henry Hooper, Henry Trippe, *Bartholomew Ennals*, *John Brannock*; Cecil, Joshua George, *Thomas Colville*, *William Rumsey*, *Alphonso Cosden*; Baltimore, Thomas Sheredine, Roger Matthews, John Moale, *Richard Caswell*; Prince George's, John Stoddert, Edward Sprigg, John Magruder, *Turner Wootton*; Annapolis, *Daniel Dulany* (later Robert Gordon), *Charles Carroll*; Queen Anne's, Grundy Pemberton, *Solomon Clayton*, Edward Wright, *Thomas Wilkinson*. Each County returned at least one new man and in all there were twenty-two of them, though Brannock of Dorchester had served in a previous legislature. As there were three Smiths and two Lloyds, it is difficult sometimes to identify the member to whom reference is made.

Six Committees were appointed, four of which consisted of five members; while two, which were considered more important, consisted of seven and eight members, respectively. The Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice summoned before it the sheriff and under-sheriff of Dorchester County and certain justices of the Talbot County Court to answer charges of oppression and extortion and complained of the fact that the officers took fees, in accordance with a Gubernatorial proclamation and not in accordance of law. One of the Talbot County justices, John Leeds, was also convicted of contempt of the House and, refusing to make the apology tendered him, was put in the custody of the sergeant-at-arms.

There were only two divisions. On May 17, it was decided that a bill should not pass prohibiting the importation of horses, by the close vote of 22 to 23. It is difficult to find the significance of this vote, though in general the Eastern Shore (except Kent, Dorchester and Somerset Counties) opposed the bill, giving fourteen negative votes; while the same number of votes from the Western Shore were cast in the affirmative.

The second division was upon the continuance of sundry actions in the Provincial Court which passed, by a vote of 25 to 14, on May 18. St. Mary's and Dorchester each cast three negative votes and there were no negative