

Upton Scott was the Clerk of the Upper House and of the Council. On the opening day of the session the Lower House adopted the rules of order which had been used at preceding sessions. On the same day it appointed on its important Committee on Accounts John Goldsborough of Talbot, Daniel Sullivan of Dorchester, Thomas Wright of Queen Anne's, John Hanson, Jr., of Charles, and Robert Goldsborough of Dorchester (p. 19). Thomas Duckett was appointed clerk of this committee (p. 22). This committee would have charge of the preparation of the Journal of Accounts which had been for the past ten years the cause of perhaps the most acrimonious disputes between the two houses. On May 16, the Lower House ordered the Committee on Accounts to close the Journal as of May 20th, and to receive no claims against the public thereafter (p. 26). A large committee of twelve, headed by Robert Tyler of Prince George's, and to which additional members were later added, was appointed to "Inspect and Report upon the Condition of the Papers and Records in the various Public Offices," and to submit "an exact List of the several books of Record remaining in the separate Offices." Two additional members were later added to this large committee (pp. 23, 25). The report of the committee disclosing the neglect of the public records will be discussed elsewhere (pp. lxxxiv-lxxxv, 18, 23, 33-46, 61, 62).

On motion of Colonel Edward Tilghman of Queen Anne's, an outstanding popular leader in the house, an old and acrimonious dispute between the Lord Proprietary and the Lower House which had for more than a half century been productive of much ill-feeling, was tossed into the legislative hopper. This involved the Proprietary's claim to various licenses, fines, and forfeitures, as well as to part of the 12 pence export duty on tobacco, and a committee was ordered to inquire under what laws he claimed and received these monies. A large committee was appointed, headed by Colonel Edward Tilghman, and on it with other prominent members of the country or popular party are especially to be noted Hammond, Hollyday, John Hall (of Annapolis), John Hall (of Baltimore County), Chase, Ringgold, Murdock, Wolstenholme, Wilson, Worthington, Hanson, and Henry Hall, with power to summon witnesses, and obtain all necessary papers and records for their inquiry, and to report to the house (p. 21). That the house exceeded its authority in attempting to clothe its committee with these plenary powers of search will be seen from what followed. A committee of three was appointed to inquire what laws were about to expire by time limitations, headed by John Goldsborough (p. 22).

*Anne Arundel County jail conditions.* A committee on Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, headed by Murdock, was appointed, to which additional members were later added (pp. 20, 27). This committee was directed to investigate immediately the charges brought by the prisoners in the Anne Arundel County jail in regard to deplorable conditions existing there (p. 27). The committee promptly reported that it had inquired into the facts alleged in the petition of the prisoners (doubtless nearly all prisoners for debt), and that upon visiting the jail, had found that it "is kept so filthy and Nasty that it is excessively Nauseous In so much that Your Committee are Apprehensive that the Prisoners are in Great danger from its offensive Stench." In the absence