

The General Assembly, which met from September 25 to November 2, 1770, passed nine local acts. Five of these authorized the construction of new chapels, or churches, while one dealt with the division of a parish. Somerset Parish, in the County of the same name, Stepney Parish, situated partly in Somerset and partly in Worcester Counties, St. Paul's Parish, which was located partly in Queen Anne's and partly in Talbot Counties, Chester Parish, in Kent County, and Queen Anne's Parish, in Prince George's County, were the parishes where the new churches, or chapels, were to be built (pp. 312-313, 317-321, 328-331). In Appendix IV will be found letters and vestry proceedings regarding the rector of Chester Parish, in Kent County, while at the end of Appendix VI there is an extract from the vestry proceedings of Queen Anne's Parish, in Prince George's County for October 14, 1770, which reads:

The Vestry being Informed that the parish Petition for a new Church is mislaid or Lost. Ordred that the Clk. send a Copy of Said petition to this Assembly now Sitting.

The act regarding the boundaries of a parish provided for the division of St. John's Parish, in Baltimore County (pp. 333-334).

Of the three other local acts passed by the Assembly meeting from September 25 to November 2, 1770, one related to education, one provided for the construction of a new court house, and the other referred to a nuisance. The act regarding education provided for the union of the schools in Somerset and Worcester Counties. One school building to be known as Eden School was to be erected (pp. 325-326). The new court house was to be built at Cambridge, in Dorchester County (pp. 326-328). The act relating to a nuisance gave Thomas Harrison additional time in which to fill in a marsh land near Baltimore Town (p. 317; *Arch. Md.* LXI, xxxv, xc-xci).

Although in session but a short time, that is, from November 5 to November 21, 1770, the next Assembly passed six local acts. Three of these related to church affairs. One provided for the establishment of a chapel of ease in St. Peter's Parish, in Talbot County (p. 443), another, a supplementary act, related to the building of a chapel in St. Luke's Parish, in Queen Anne's County (pp. 437-438). The original act to which this act was supplementary was passed at the November-December session of the General Assembly in 1769 (pp. 128-129). The third act provided for the division of All Saints Parish, in Frederick County, and for the erection of two new parishes by the names of Eden and Frederick. The division into three parts, or districts, was to go into effect upon the death, or removal, of Bennet Allen, the present Rector of All Saints Parish (pp. 450-451). Allen had previously protested such a division (pp. 284, 287, 297). During the years 1768-1771 this minister appeared frequently in the local newspaper (*Maryland Gazette*, Sept. 1, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, Nov. 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8, 1768; Oct. 4, Nov. 22, 1770; Jan. 3, 1771; see also Bennet Allen, Fighting Parson, by Josephine Fisher, *Md. Hist. Mag.* Vol. XXXVIII, 299-322; *ibid.* Vol. XXXIX, 49-72).

Of the three other local acts passed at that session one provided for adjournment and continuance of the Baltimore County Court (p. 433), while the other two acts related to Frederick County. One of the latter laid down rules and