

On the 14th instant, the House, by a vote of 28 to 9, adopted an address, asking Gov. Bladen to pay Stephen's Bordley's claim to the land upon which the Governor's house was being built. The minority is singularly composed; all the Calvert men (except Hall who was absent), Nicholas Goldsborough of Talbot, all the Dorchester members except Lecompte, Tasker of Annapolis and Henry of Worcester. A division on the 16th resulted in 27 votes against allowing a claim of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County for payment of fees for imprisonment of Indians. The minority comprised the 3 delegates from Somerset, Thomas and John Goldsborough of Talbot, all the Dorchester delegation except Lecompte, Colvill and George of Cecil, Osborn Sprigg of Prince George's, the two Annapolitans, Pemberton and Wright of Queen Anne's, and all the Worcester members except Purnell. There were four divisions upon May 17. In addition to the two upon the Worcester elections, by a vote of 23 to 22 (most of the Proprietary party voting in the negative) the Lower House decided to divide Prince George's County according to the bill (Osborn Sprigg from that County voted No).

On the same day, the House voted, 28 to 16, not to allow certain accounts for negotiations with the Indians. The negative was largely Proprietary: Calder of Kent, King and Gale of Somerset (Stoughton voted nay), Thomas and John Goldsborough of Talbot, all the Dorchester men except Lecompte, Colvill and George of Cecil (Pearce and Hyland voted nay), the Annapolitans, Pemberton and Wright of Queen Anne's, and Henry and Robins of Worcester (Purnell and Selby voted nay).

On the 18th, the Prince George's County division bill passed by a vote of 28 to 12: Swann of St. Mary's, all the Kentish men except Calder, the three Anne Arundel men present (Hammond was absent most of the session), Brome of Calvert, Stoughton of Somerset, John Goldsborough of Talbot, Trippe of Dorchester, and Wootton of Prince George's cast the negative votes—I find no connection between them.

May 23 saw the House vote, 28 to 17, to offer the Proprietary an equivalent for the quitrents. The tobacco raising counties of Southern Maryland furnished the negative votes: 3 from St. Mary's, 3 from Anne Arundel, 4 from Calvert, 2 from Charles (Harrison voted aye), three from Prince George's, Nicholas Goldsborough of Talbot, and Sheredine of Baltimore were the only other negative votes.

On the 25th, the Lower House decided, by a vote of 32 to 16, not to reintroduce another bill to raise money for arms. The minority votes were cast by the Somerset delegation of 4, Trippe and Lecompte of Dorchester (Ennalls and Hindman voted no), Colvill and George of Cecil (Pearce and Hyland voted no), the 2 Annapolitans, Wright of Queen Anne's, and the 4 from Worcester.