

Josias Green, by Act, was given encouragement for printing the laws. Several temporary laws were revived. A bounty was to be given on linen cloth for the "encouragement of industry," and the Proceedings at the Session of the next year show that avail was made of this act. Six languishing debtors in as many County "Goals," as it is always spelled, are enlarged. One of these debtors, Michael Taylor, had evidently made threats against another man and must be bound over to keep the peace.

These are the enactments, but bitter controversies occurred over proposed laws which failed and these controversies led to a spirited interchange of messages between the Governor and the Lower House. The latter may often have been right in principle, but certainly showed a niggling and petty spirit. In his opening address, Ogle urged, as he had previously, the importance of a magazine and of an amendment of the militia law. Soon the struggle was renewed over the disposal of the three penny export tax per hogshead of tobacco for the purchase of arms and ammunition. The Committee appointed to inspect the state of the Fund for this purchase made a long report with figures running back to 1717. Nothing was finally done toward complying with Ogle's recommendation.

The Journal of Accounts aroused bitterness concerning fees to the Secretary, the Attorney General, and the Clerk of the Council. Some of these charges related to the past struggle with Pennsylvania. On the boundary with Pennsylvania, there was little controversy at this time. The Pennsylvania Archives refer to the meeting of the Commissioners in 1740 (Series I, vol. 1, pp. 595, 623) and to troubles in Cecil County and in Delaware (Pa. Col. Recs. I, p. 395). In the midst of all this squabbling and of a series of attacks which the Lower House was making to the Governor against the gentlemen of the Upper House, Henry Trippe, a Delegate from Dorchester County, was expelled by the Lower House from its membership, because he accepted the position of Deputy Commissary. Thereupon Ogle promptly prorogued the Assembly.

There were eight divisions during the Session. On July 14, by vote of 28 to 5 (three of the negatives coming from Calvert County, one from Talbot and one from Dorchester), the House voted to pass the bill for the encouragement of industry. It will be remembered that the membership of the House was four Delegates from each of twelve counties and two from Annapolis, but that the Speaker only voted in a case of tie. On the same day, by a vote of 26 to 8, the bill was passed for the trial of matters of fact in the Counties where they arise. This was distinctly an anti-proprietary measure and the two Annapolis delegates, Gordon and Dulany, voted in the negative, together with Harris of Kent, Denton and Hall of Anne Arundel, Smith and Hall of Calvert and Sheredine and Caswell of Baltimore.