
A History of Printing in Colonial Maryland

for the Year 1761. That the said Jonas Green hath at several Times Printed long Bills, Records and Papers, inserted in the Journals and Proceedings of the Lower House of Assembly, too numerous to particularize, for which he has not received, as your Committee can find, any Reward, more than his yearly Allowance, tho' the Votes and Proceedings have been swelled to a great Size, by the Insertion of such Bills and Other Matters.

That since the Duties of Printing the Laws, and Votes and Proceedings, have been blended, including May Session, 1747, and excluding the present Sessions, there have been Twenty-two Sessions, and Six Conventions of the Assembly, so that there have been Thirteen Meetings of the Assembly in and since 1747, more than at the Rate of one for each Year.

LATER LEGISLATION FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF JONAS GREEN

In 1762, to expire April 1765, an act was passed, as the result of the foregoing report, by the terms of which Green was to receive each year that there was held a session of Assembly two hundred and seventy-nine pounds currency, but only two hundred and ten pounds if there were no Assembly. To entitle him to the first mentioned allowance, he was obliged to produce a certificate from the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County that he had delivered to him the printed laws of each Session within three months after its close, the *Votes and Proceedings* within four months. By another section of this act five hundred pounds were to be paid him for public services for which he had received no allowances, this sum to be diverted from a fund which had been set aside in 1754 under the provisions of "An Act for his Majesty's Service."

In 1763 an act passed in November says that the limitations of time imposed in the act of 1762 being too short for printing the laws of this session on account of the approaching "bad Season," the time of printing the laws was extended to four and the *Votes and Proceedings* to five months (Bacon 1763, ch. 33). At this session, although a short one, the Assembly had passed among others, "An Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees," a notable piece of legislation, embodied in one hundred and fifty-three sections, occupying fifty of Bacon's folio pages for its publication. With the short and dark days of the "bad Season" coming on, it is not remarkable that Green had asked for and obtained an extension of time on his printing of the acts and proceedings of this Assembly. In section 118 of this long act of 1763 we find that hereafter Green was to be allowed by each County Court at the laying of its levy three hundred and twenty pounds of tobacco per annum for printing and delivering a sufficient number of books, notes and manifests for the use of the tobacco inspectors at their annual inspections. In Section 120 of the same act it appears that three hundred and