

Governor's salary being also renewed. That festering sore of injustice, the treatment of persons in jail, many of them for no crime but merely because of debt, was revealed in its full hideousness by a committee report, but to the disgrace of the Provincials, no step was taken to remedy conditions and the Upper House, in its desire to assure the creditors of their rights, refused to release from confinement some unfortunate men whom the Lower House recommended for such leniency by granting them private bankruptcy laws. Complaint was made that the militia were not properly trained, and that there were abuses in the issuing of warrants in the Land Office.

This is the first session of the Lower House for which the record of the yea and nay votes is extant. There are 20 divisions reported. The speaker never voted. The roll was called by counties, according to the date of their formation, as now. For some reason, however, Somerset was placed out of its chronological order, after Charles. On July 21, when there was a vacancy from Annapolis, on the division over the Revenue Bill, 48 members voted. As there were 12 counties, each returning four members, and the City of Annapolis, returning two, the total number of members was 50, when there were no vacancies. Toward the end of the session, members began to go home, and at a division on August 7 only 34 voted. The last division on August 8 recorded 37 names.

The divisions were upon six main subjects. 1. On July 12, it was voted to print the yeas and nays, by a vote of 29 to 17. I can find no particular significance in the alignment of members in this division. 2. On July 17, the House voted, 26 to 21, to have trashy tobacco burnt and on July 19, reversed this vote in a manner, by refusing, 21 to 26, to pass a bill to prevent exportation of trashy tobacco. In these divisions, the Eastern and Western Shores separated. In the earlier vote, all the Western delegates except one from St. Mary's and two from Baltimore, voted for the drastic measure, while only one from Talbot, one from Somerset and two from Queen Anne's joined them, from the Eastern Shore. In the later vote, one from Kent also voted in the affirmative, but one from Queen Anne's changed to the negative, and another St. Mary's man, two from Calvert, and one from Charles voted against the destruction. 3. On July 12, the House voted, 12 to 32, not to exempt delegates from service in the Assizes. The affirmative votes were from St. Mary's, Calvert, Charles, and Queen Anne's, with a scattering one from Baltimore and from Prince George's. On July 21, by one majority, 22 to 23, the House voted not to bring in a bill to punish bribery at elections. Most of the affirmative votes came from the Eastern Shore, viz. : Kent 1, Talbot 3, Dorchester 3, Cecil 3, Somerset 4, Queen Anne's 2. 4. The Revenue Bill caused a division on July 21, when the House voted, 16 to 32, not to consider it. On July 24, it voted not to alter the 12 pence