

On the next day, the offer in return for the quitrents was fixed at 2 shillings and six pence per hogshhead of tobacco. The tobacco raising counties voted for the lesser rate of two and three pence, viz., 3 from St. Mary's, 3 from Anne Arundel, 4 from Calvert, Smallwood and Wilkinson of Charles (Harrison and Courts voted for the higher amount), three from Prince George's. Nicholas Goldsborough and Thomas of Talbot, and the 2 Baltimore men were the only men from the non-tobacco raising countries to vote for the lesser amount. When the House immediately divided as to whether the life of the bill should be 7 or 3 years, the longer period was adopted, by a vote of 29 to 18. Thomas of Talbot changed his vote to the majority. The others voted as before. The address asking the Proprietary to accept the Proposed substitute was then adopted by a vote of 30 to 17, Chesley of St. Mary's leaving the minority.

On the 29th, the unfriendliness which had sprung up between Bladen and the Lower House led it to reject a bill providing a duty upon tobacco for the benefit of the Governor, by a vote of 17 to 27. The minority comprised 4 each from Somerset, Dorchester, and Worcester, the 2 present from Cecil (Colvill and George), the one Annapolitan (Tasker) present, and Hammond and Wright of Queen Anne's.

On the same day, the House voted to continue the tax on ordinary licenses to pay for the Governor's house, by a vote of 27 to 16. The minority was heterogeneous: Richard Gresham and Wilson of Kent, Worthington of Anne Arundel, Hall and Brome of Calvert, the 4 from Charles, the 4 from Talbot, Ennalls of Dorchester, Wootton and Sprigg of Prince George's.

On May 30, by a vote of 24 to 20, the House voted to address the Governor on the Indian negotiations. The negative on this bitterly contested question was composed of the Court party: John Gresham of Kent, Thomas of Talbot and all the Queen Anne's delegation except Wilkinson, joined with the full delegations from Somerset, Dorchester, and Worcester and the 2 present from Cecil.

On the same day, the House voted, 28 to 17, to continue the ordinary license tax. The negative votes were cast by all the Kentish men except John Gresham, Hall and Brome of Calvert, all the 4 members from Charles, the 4 from Talbot, Ennalls of Dorchester, Sheredine of Baltimore, and Wootton and Sprigg of Prince George's. Then the address to Gov. Bladen on the Indian matters was brought in and adopted 24 to 21. Tasker had come in to the House and increased the negative vote.

A postponement to the next session of consideration of some alleged private grievances was made on March 31, by a vote of 30 to 12, the negative votes being cast by Swann and Chesley of St. Mary's, the Greshams and Wilson of Kent, Smith, Hall and Brome of Calvert, all the Charles delegates except