

introductory address, he urged the continuance of the fund for purchasing arms and ammunition and the importance of a "Wise and prudent amendment of our laws." The arms and ammunition question led to an animated contest which resulted in the failure to pass any law and the spreading on the Journal of the Lower House the text of the act it wished passed. The paper money had about been exhausted and the Assembly was obliged to lay a tax appointing a joint committee to assess and pay the public charges. Provision was also made for repairing the public buildings. County Courts were continued, where attorneys practising before them were Delegates. The Court House of Calvert County should receive repairs.

Disagreement between the Houses led to the failure of a considerable number of bills desired passed by the Lower House.

Report was made by the Commissioners of the expense of the West Indies' expedition.

Several private or quasi-private acts were passed: enabling the Visitors of Kent County School to lease their land, validating title to lands, paying for the payment to their owners by the State of the value of two criminal slaves who had died in jail. The inhabitants of Queen Anne Parish in Prince George's County were directed to pay for repairing their chapel of ease. Seven debtors languishing in Anne Arundel County jail were released, as were one in Cecil County and one in Somerset County. Charles Sewall was granted the reversion of the Choptank Indian reservation in Dorchester County.

Committees were appointed, six in number, varying in membership from 5 to 9. About ten members served on no committee. Wilson served on three committees and eleven other Delegates served on two committees each. Three members had died during the year: Mathews of Baltimore, Edward Wright of Queen Anne's and Brannock of Dorchester and in place of them, Jacob Hindman came from Dorchester, Thomas Hammond from Queen Anne's and Aquila Paca from Baltimore. Henry Trippe was reelected. On June 11, Philip Hammond from Anne Arundel, the Speaker, resigned on account of his son's illness, retaining his membership, and was succeeded by Robert King of Somerset, a member of the Proprietary party.

There were eight divisions during the Session. On May 30, the Lower House refused, by a vote of 23 to 11, to adopt an unstated amendment to an entry approving the conduct of their agent in presenting their address to the King. The Proprietary party voted for the amendment: viz., Calder and Harris of Kent, Smith of Calvert, Hanson of Charles, King of Somerset, Hooper of Dorchester, George, Colvill and Rumsey of Cecil, Gordon of Annapolis and Wright of Queen Anne's.