

In recording the results of yea and nay votes, it was customary to place the majority first, whether it were affirmative or negative.

On September 5, the House voted, 9 to 39, not to give presents to the Six Nations of Indians. The affirmative votes were Barnes of St. Mary's, the Greshams of Kent, Stoughton and Dennis of Somerset, Colvil of Cecil, Joseph Hall of Baltimore, Sprigg of Prince George's, and Gordon of Annapolis. It is difficult to find party lines here.

On the same day, the House voted 31 to 17 to place in the fee bill fees one fifth less than the former ones. The negative votes were chiefly of the Country party, which now for some time lost control of the body: George Wilson of Kent, all the Anne Arundel members, except Henry Hall, the three Calvert men present, the Goldsboroughs of Talbot, Hooper and Lecompte of Dorchester, all the three Prince George's men, Bordley of Annapolis, and Thomas Hammond of Queen Anne's.

In a third division on that day, the fees were fixed at nine pounds of tobacco for copying a side, by a vote of 32 to 16. The vote was curiously different from the preceding one. The majority were strange bedfellows and the minority consisted of Barnes of St. Mary's, the Greshams of Kent, Courts of Charles, all four Somerset members, Ennalls of Dorchester, all the members from Cecil except Hyland, John Hall and Buchanan of Baltimore, Gordon of Annapolis and Outten of Worcester—in general Proprietarians. On September 6, the House, by 23 to 25, refused to reconsider this vote and Abell and Bond of St. Mary's, Sheridine and Paca of Baltimore, Thomas Wilkinson of Queen Anne's, as well as Purnell and Selby of Worcester changed their vote, most of them being Proprietarians.

At the next division, on September 11, the Lower House voted to have a composition for quit-rents, by a vote of 31 to 17. The negative vote was largely of the Country party: Bond of St. Mary's, all four Anne Arundel members, all four from Calvert, William Wilkinson of Charles, Nicholas Goldsborough of Talbot, Sheredine and Paca of Baltimore, the three Prince George's men and Bordley of Annapolis. By exactly the same vote, the house voted that the composition should be £5000 and not £4500, but Lloyd of Talbot changed from affirmative to negative and Paca of Baltimore from negative to affirmative. A third division, on that day, resulted in a decision, 17 to 31, not to insert alienation fines in the quit rent bill. The votes were cast just as before.

On September 12, the yeas and nays were called six times, a number never before reached in Maryland. When the question arose as to whether a duty should be laid on other commodities than tobacco, the House divided evenly,