

On July 1, the Lower House voted not to agree to the Upper House's Amendments to the bill for purchasing arms and, in order to justify itself, ordered the text of the bill to be spread on the journal, so that it might be printed and circulated throughout the Province. A similar action was later taken in regard to the bill for better securing the estates of debtors absconding, and the fee bill of the August Session of 1745.

On July 4, the House voted to send the Governor an address, in answer to Bladen's reply to their remonstrance concerning Smith's privilege. The vote was 29 to 20 and the Governor was supported by the full delegations from St. Mary's, Somerset, Worcester and Annapolis, by the Greshams, Thomas, Lecompte, Hyland and Bayard.

On the same day, it was determined not to send the Journal of Accounts back to the Upper House with a message, by a vote of 20 to 27. The affirmative votes were those of the St. Mary's, Somerset, Worcester and Annapolis delegations, of John Gresham, Thomas, Hooper and Ennalls and of Thomas Hammond and Tilghman.

The House now voted, 34 to 15, to consider the proposed address to the Governor. The opponents were Barnes and Key, the Greshams, Thomas, Hammond and the delegations from Somerset, Worcester and Annapolis.

The Governor's friends fought faithfully and twenty voted against approving the address, while twenty-nine favored it. The negative votes were cast by the St. Mary's, Somerset, Worcester and Annapolis delegations, by the Greshams, Thomas, Ennalls and Lecompte, and Hammond of Queen Anne's. They demanded a roll call on the engrossed address and lost by a vote of 28 to 17, Mills and the two Annapolis men having left the House.

On July 7, Gov. Bladen informed the Lower House of the total defeat of the Rebels in Scotland and the house voted to have the Committee of Laws prepare him an address in answer; but, by vote of 35 to 10, refused to instruct the Committee as to that address.

The negative votes were cast by Key of St. Mary's, the Greshams of Kent, Stoughton, King, and Dashiell of Somerset, the two Annapolis delegates and Robins and Scarborough of Worcester.

In addition to numerous papers as to the privileges of the house, the full text of the bills for the purchase of arms and ammunition, for officers fees, and concerning bankrupts, are spread on the minutes, so that the electors might know what had been rejected.

Further appropriation for the war was refused. In addition to the bill taxing ordinaries for support of the war in Canada, five continuing bills were passed, a public school was established in Worcester County, Christ Church