

strong liquors, the running of horse races, and the "tumultuous concourse of negroes and other slaves" during the Quaker yearly meetings on West River and Third Haven were forbidden.

A tax was laid on tobacco exported, for the purchase of arms and ammunition, and another tax for the use of the Governor. The effort was made to "prevent the evils arising from the entering of judgments on bonds."

The inspection of tobacco, to improve the staple which was "in so very low and languishing a condition" and the purchase of arms and ammunition were the two subjects urged upon the attention of the Assembly by Gov. Ogle in his opening speech. The division of Prince George's County was one of the important subjects not acted on at this Session.

Two new members appeared from Somerset County: John Dennis had become Sheriff and was succeeded by Isaac Handy and Stoughton had become Deputy Naval Officer and was succeeded by Robert Jenkins Henry. The first division occurred on May 26, when the Lower House refused to pass a bill for encouraging the making of hemp and flax, by a vote of 32 to 17. The votes for the bill were anti-Proprietary: Wilson of Kent, Carroll, Worthington and Hammond of Anne Arundel, Smith of Calvert, Pearce of Cecil, Nicholas Goldsborough, Buchanan of Baltimore, Stoddert and Wootton of Prince Georges, Hammond of Queen Anne's, and Hooper, Ennalls and Sulivane of Dorchester.

On the same day, the House voted to combine the subjects of officers' fees and tobacco inspection in one bill, by a vote of 24 to 22. This was a Proprietary victory, forecasting the result of most of the 42 divisions during the Session. The Majority comprised the St. Mary's delegation, all the Kentish men except Wilson, Mackall of Calvert and Hall of Baltimore, the two Somerset men (King and Dashiell) present, Tilghman and Hopper of Queen Anne's, Addison of Prince George's, Hooper and Ennalls of Dorchester, and the two Annapolitans.

On the same day, the decision was made to abandon any idea of a law for burning tobacco, and rather to follow the plan of the Virginia law, by a vote of 31 to 14. The minority was composed of the County party: Wilson of Kent, all the Anne Arundel men except Hall, Smith and Brome of Calvert, Nicholas Goldsborough, Buchanan of Baltimore, Wootton of Prince Georges', Lecompte and Sulivane of Dorchester, and Purnell, Henry and Scarborough of Worcester (a delegation which was curiously wavering and unsettled throughout the Session).

On that day, Richard Snowden was censured for breach of privilege of the House, for calling a member a liar, while Snowden was listening to him speak,