

two from Prince George's, one from Queen Anne's and two from Worcester. There seems to have been no politics in the division.

Upon the other division, the House voted 44 to 7 to print Gov. Shirley's letter to Gov. Bladen. Only three members were absent and the minority consisted of Barnes from St. Mary's, King and Dennis from Somerset, George and Colvil from Cecil, Buchanan from Baltimore, and Gordon from Annapolis. Except Buchanan, these men were always strong supporters of the Proprietary. The Upper House was so indignant at this vote that it threatened Jonas Green, the printer, with punishment, if he complied with it, and, at his request, the House waived this printing.

The fourth division was taken on August 25, on the adoption of a Committee report, complaining that officers' fees were taken in accordance with a governor's proclamation. Only 8 members opposed the report. All four of the delegates from Somerset County voted in support of the Governor, as did Sulivane of Dorchester, Colvil of Cecil, Gordon of Annapolis and Purnell of Worcester. Those in favor of adopting the report numbered 38.

On the 28th of August, a contested election in St. Mary's gave rise to a division. Mills, who was returned elected, and Swan tied in the vote at the polls and the sheriff cast the deciding vote for Mills. The House decided that the sheriff had no right to vote: seventeen members holding such a vote was proper, while thirty-one denied the legality of his act. The three other members from St. Mary's upheld the sheriff, as did Hall of Anne Arundel, Courts of Charles, all the Somerset members but Wilson, Lloyd of Talbot, Ennalls and Sulivane of Dorchester, George and Colvil of Cecil, Buchanan of Baltimore, Gordon of Annapolis, Purnell and Outten of Worcester—for the most part men who belonged to the Proprietary party. On the next day, Mills was ousted from his seat by a vote of 18 to 29, Hooper of Dorchester also voting for him.

On August 29, the third election case was decided and Sulivane of Dorchester was unseated by a vote of 17 to 30, because he had acted as under sheriff. The vote was similar to that in the Mills case, though Abell of St. Mary's changed to vote against the sitting member as did Hall of Anne Arundel, Courts of Charles, Lloyd of Talbot, and Buchanan of Baltimore. Stoughton of Somerset was absent. Lecompte of Dorchester voted against his fellow member. On the other hand, Harris of Kent changed from the negative to the affirmative as did Osborn Sprigg of Prince George's, Hopper of Queen Anne's and Selby of Worcester, while Wilson of Somerset appeared so as to vote for Sulivane. All three men unseated belonged to the Proprietary party.