

of John MacPherson who had been transferred to another parish, was selected to read prayers twice daily. A few days after the opening of the Assembly, the Speaker, Henry Hooper of Dorchester County, became ill and incapacitated, and Alexander Williamson of Kent County, with the approval of the Governor, was chosen Speaker. A notable addition to the membership of the House appeared at this session in Daniel Dulany, the younger, elected from Annapolis, the Proprietary stronghold, to succeed Stephen Bordley, appointed Attorney-General of the Province and Naval Officer of the Port of Annapolis. Levin Gale was elected from Somerset County to succeed Robert Jenckins Henry, appointed to the Council, doubtless as a reward for his fidelity to the Proprietary interest in the Lower House. Charles Carroll, the Barrister, who had recently returned from England where he had studied law at the Inns of Court, a comparatively new member, was especially active as one of the leaders of the County party.

The Governor, September 16th, submitted to the Lower House a copy of a letter of instructions he had sent to the colonels, or commanders-in-chief of the militia, in the several counties urging them to begin at once recruiting and enlisting. The Governor expressed the hope that as the bounty money was considerable they might be able to purchase the unexpired time of service of indentured servants whose terms had nearly expired. When recruited the men were to be lodged at ordinaries at a cost of not more than a shilling a day. The recruiting instructions sent with these letters forbade the enlisting of Roman Catholics or deserters, and required that those accepted be between the ages of eighteen and forty, and not less than five feet six inches in height, although lads under eighteen, if not less than five feet four inches in height might be taken. The ill-limbed, sick, weak, pot-bellied, and frostbitten were to be refused. Recruits were not to be paid more than £5 currency as a bounty and every effort should be made to secure them at a lower figure.

The Lower House registered a vigorous objection to recruiting indentured servants, and to the suggested payment of masters for their unexpired terms, as suggested by Fox, and refused by a vote of 25 to 10 to make any allowance for this purpose. It also objected to the Governor's recruiting orders that "as soon as possible" after enlistment the recruit be taken before a magistrate and sworn, on the grounds that an act of Parliament provided that after enlistment recruits should be sworn within four days, but in not less than twenty-four hours. It will be of interest to note here that the proposed enlistment of indentured servants aroused violent opposition throughout the Province, and that Sharpe had written Shirley under date of February 2d that as the inhabitants had a great part of their property invested in servants, if an attempt were made to recruit them an insurrection was likely to occur (*Archiv. Md.*, xxxi, 105). The Council Pro-