

which was intended for a Dwelling-House for the Governor of this Province for the Time being, be completely finished, and made Use of as the College proposed . . . . the Expenses of which, together with the Charges which will attend Building the Out-Houses, Gardens and Yards, and purchasing necessary Furniture" were estimated at £2,258. The cost of completing the main house was placed at £2,000; the furnishings at £216; the stable at £100; and the garden and yard at £100. To raise the funds necessary it was recommended that the "Free-Schools in the several Counties within this Province be sold; the said Schools being in their Judgment but of small Advantage in the Education of Youth". The annual expenses for masters and servants were given as: salary a year for president £300; first master, £250; second, third, fourth masters, and mathematical master, each £200; English and writing master £100; five servants and a boy £60; the total annually amounting to £1,510.

For defraying these expenses, the committee recommended taxes on ordinary licenses, wheel carriages, negroes, Irish Papists servants, and bachelors, which, together with the Honourable Benedict Calvert's donation of £40 to King William School in Annapolis to be applied to the college, totaled £1,510. An estimated "profit" of £400 yearly from the scholars to be educated was to be used for the support of twenty-eight charity boys, two from each county (pp. 488-490). The house then proceeded to vote on the several recommendations in the report. By a vote of 17 to 15 it approved the sale of the free schools in the counties; by a vote of 23 to 9 that wheel carriages be taxed; and by a vote of 18 to 13 that bachelors be taxed. It then refused on a second reading to concur in the report by a vote of 17 to 15 (pp. 492-493). Sectional, rather than political, lines seem to have influenced this vote, as most of the Eastern Shore members voted against it. This rejection of the report was, however, followed the next day by a "proposal" by Charles Carroll, the Barrister, as follows: that the Lord Proprietary grant the four acres on which the Governor's uncompleted house stands; that the money needed for repairs, outhouses and gardens be raised by subscription and lottery; that visitors or managers, one from each county together with those of King William School, have charge of the College; that the twenty-eight charity scholars be recommended by the county courts. The "proposal" further recommended that taxes for support of the college be on ordinary licenses, wheel carriages, wines not from Great Britain, billiard tables, and bachelors. This "proposal" was adopted by a vote of 20 to 12, but the Assembly adjourned before further action on the question could be taken (pp. 496-497). It was to come up again at subsequent sessions, but nothing definite had been done about it up to the time the Revolution broke out. In including licenses from ordinaries, which the Proprietary claimed under his prerogative, the Lower House well knew that the proposed bill would not receive the approval of the Upper House (*Arch. Md.* IX, 523-525, 545).

It is interesting to note, however, that one of those who voted to include the licenses on ordinaries was Dr. George Steuart, the usually uncompromising Proprietary delegate from Annapolis. To justify this apparently disloyal vote, Sharpe, writing to Secretary Cecilius Calvert, June 22, 1761, says that