

Parishes, Anne Arundel County (*Arch. Med.* XIV, 464). On March 30, 1768, he became Rector of St. Anne's; and on May 9, 1770, Rector of St. Thomas's, Green Spring Valley, Baltimore County. At the opening of the Revolution, owing to his active Tory sympathies, he was forced to resign as Rector of St. Thomas's, and in 1775 he went to England.

The Lower House proceeded to appoint its various standing committees, the delegate first named apparently acting as chairman. These committees with their chairmen were: (1) Committee of Elections and Privileges, William Ward of Cecil County and four associates, (2) Committee on Accounts, John Goldsborough of Talbot County and four associates, (3) Committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, William Murdock of Prince George's and thirteen associates, (4) Committee to Inspect the Several Public Offices, Robert Tyler of Prince George's and six associates, to which three others were later added, (5) Committee to enquire what laws will expire with this session, Thomas Johnson and two associates. Additional members were added to these committees from time to time (pp. 332, 333). Special committees were appointed during the session to report on various other matters as they arose.

There was also appointed a joint committee of the two houses to inspect the acts and proceedings of the commissioners for the payment of public claims and for emitting bills of credit, created under the act of November–December, 1766 (pp. 264, 275), as in former years there had been a committee at each Assembly appointed to inspect the old Office for Issuing Bills of Credit, familiarly known as the "Loan Office" which had been abolished under the act of 1765 (*Arch. Md.* LIX, lx-lxii). On May 26, 1768, the Lower House appointed on this joint committee, Ringgold, Dickinson, Steele, Worthington and Beall, to whom Graham was later added (pp. 321, 322, 335, 344); and on the following day the Upper House appointed two of its members, Benedict Calvert and Walter Dulany on it; Calvert was chosen chairman of the joint committee (pp. 285, 321). Its report will be noted later (pp. xcix-c).

*Irregularities in election of delegates.* The committee on elections and privileges on May 28th, reported to the Lower House that it had inspected the writs of election for delegates directed to the sheriffs of the several counties, and had found the delegates duly returned from St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Anne Arundel, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset and Kent counties, but that there were in the election indentures of certain delegates from Worcester, Baltimore, Prince George's, and Frederick Counties, various irregularities, due either to omission of words or phrases in the indentures, or because the names of the electors or of the sheriffs were not entered. None of these errors were, however, of sufficient importance to void the election of any of the delegates from these four counties and all were seated (pp. 341, 342). The unseating of four delegates from Baltimore County due to the too free use of liquor for treating voters, construed by the house as a form of election bribery, as well as the complaint against the election of delegates from Anne Arundel County (p. 382), will be more fully considered in another section of this Introduction (pp. xci-xciii).

*Lighthouse at Cape Henry.* It may be recalled that at the November–