

21, 1770, to meet again on December 11, 1770 (*Arch. Md.* LXIII, 371, 432). Then on December 6, 1770, the Governor had further prorogued the Assembly until December 22, 1770 (*Maryland Gazette*, Dec. 6, 1770). But the General Assembly never convened on that day; prior to that date Eden issued a proclamation dissolving the General Assembly. At the same time the Governor gave notice of a general election for the purpose of electing Delegates of a new Lower House, which, together with the Council, or Upper House, was to meet in Annapolis on February 4, 1771 (*Maryland Gazette*, Dec. 20, 1770). Before that day arrived, Governor Eden prorogued, or postponed, the meeting of the Assembly until October 1, 1771 (*ibid.* Jan. 17, 1771). As there were not enough Delegates in town on that day to constitute a quorum, the Governor prorogued the General Assembly to meet on the following day (*ibid.* Oct. 3, 1771; *Arch. Md.* I, xxvi, xlv). In his address to the Assembly which convened on October 2, 1771, Eden avoided making any reference to his Proclamation of November 26, 1770. This Assembly remained in session until November 30 when the Governor prorogued it to meet again on February 18, 1772 (pp. 74, 237).

In proroguing the General Assembly the Governor expressed his sorrow that the Houses had not considered some of the subjects recommended to their attention at the opening of the session, especially a review of the criminal law. In a separate message to the members of the Lower House Eden said that he regretted that they had failed to reenact any law regulating officers' fees (pp. 236-237).

The session of the General Assembly held during the fall of 1771 was the first and only session of that legislative body whose Delegates had been elected during January, 1771 (*Maryland Gazette*, Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 1771). It was prorogued, as we have seen, on November 30, 1771, to meet on February 18, 1772. It never met on that day, however, as Governor Eden by successive prorogations postponed its convening to June 15, 1773 (*ibid.* Feb. 6, Mar. 12, May 7, Sept. 17, Nov. 5, 1772; Feb. 25, Apr. 22, 1773).

After the end of the Assembly on November 30, 1771, a year and a half elapsed before the General Assembly again convened during June, 1773. It was early in 1773 that articles written by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Daniel Dulany, Jr. began to appear in the *Maryland Gazette*. The former signed his articles as "First Citizen," the latter as "Antilon." While Dulany upheld the Governor's Proclamation of November 26, 1770, Carroll criticized it. This series of articles has been printed in *Correspondence of "First Citizen"—Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and "Antilon"—Daniel Dulany, Jr. 1773*, by Elihu S. Riley. (See also "Life and Administration of Sir Robert Eden," by