

## DOORKEEPERS AND SERJEANTS-AT-ARMS

When the Lower House met on October 2, 1771, Robert Reynolds was appointed doorkeeper and Allen Quynn was made serjeant-at-arms (p. 78). Reynolds had served before as doorkeeper during the session of the Assembly which convened on September 25, 1770 (*Arch. Md.* LXII, xx-xxi). Quynn had only been acting as serjeant-at-arms a short time, when, because of his illness the House appointed William Goldsmith to act in his place (p. 91). By October 12, however, Quynn had recovered and Goldsmith was discharged (p. 101).

Both Reynolds and Quynn continued to serve in the same capacities during the session of the General Assembly which met from June 15 to July 3, 1773 (pp. 337, 340-341). The duties of a serjeant-at-arms are discussed in a previous volume (*Arch. Md.* LXII, xxi).

## PROVINCIAL CONTROVERSIES

## RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Addressing the members of a joint meeting of the Upper and Lower Houses when it convened on October 2, 1771, Governor Eden said that he hoped that the time he had chosen for enacting regulations conducive to the welfare of the province was a season "convenient" to their private affairs (pp. 4, 76).

Among the matters needing the attention of the General Assembly, the Governor said, was "the State of the Criminal Law," which he had recommended to the last Assembly (pp. 4, 76-77; *Arch. Md.* LXII, xxvi). Another question which should be taken up was the condition of the public roads. Only by repairing and keeping them in order could the native produce be brought to market (pp. 4, 76-77). Eden assured the members of both houses of his concurrence in every measure tending to promote the interests of the colony and that he would deem himself happy "in proportion to the Prosperity the people of this Province shall derive from my Administration" (pp. 4, 77).

On the afternoon of the same day Walter Dulany and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer were appointed by the Upper House a committee to prepare an answer to the Governor's speech. This they did and on the following day assured his Excellency that the matters which he recommended to their consideration would receive "all due Attention" in the course of the session (pp. 4, 5). The message further informed the Governor that as he had already given so many proofs of his desire to promote the interests of the province, they could not doubt the sincerity of his declaration about being happy in proportion to the prosperity of the colonists under his administration (pp. 5, 6). In reply Eden told the members of the upper chamber that he had always observed their deliberations to be guided by the same motives which had governed his own conduct (p. 6).

The Lower House in their reply to the Governor's address promised to take under consideration the matters mentioned in it and that they on their part would seek to promote the welfare of the province (p. 86). Eden at once informed the Delegates that he was pleased with these assurances (p. 88).

After this friendly exchange of messages, the lower chamber on October 9