

1770). On the 25th convened the third session of the Assembly whose members had been elected in 1767 (pp. 169, 171).

This session lasted until Friday, November 2, when Governor Eden prorogued the General Assembly to meet again on the following Monday, November 5 (p. 307). This prorogation was due to the arrest and imprisonment of William Steuart (see Introduction, pp. xxvii-xxviii). The session which met on November 5 was the fourth of the Assembly elected in 1767 (pp. 345, 347). It lasted until November 21 when Eden prorogued the General Assembly to meet on December 11 of the same year (p. 432). The Governor was fearful lest the Delegates again order the arrest of William Steuart (see Introduction, pp. xxviii-xxix).

On December 6, 1770, the Governor further prorogued the Assembly until December 22 (*Maryland Gazette*, Dec. 6, 1770). Before that day arrived, Eden issued a proclamation dissolving the General Assembly and at the same time promised that a general election would be held for the purpose of electing members of a new Assembly, which would meet in Annapolis on February 4, 1771 (*Maryland Gazette*, Dec. 20, 1770). Before the newly elected Assembly could meet on that date, the Governor prorogued it to meet on October 1, 1771 (*Maryland Gazette*, Jan. 17, 1771). It convened on the following day (*Arch. Md.* I, xxxvi, xlv).

Although no mention is made of it in the Proceedings of either the Council or the Lower House during 1770, there occurred in February of that year an important ante-Revolutionary event. This was when the ship *Good Intent* arrived at Annapolis on February 5 with articles on board whose importation had been prohibited by a Resolution of Non-Importation adopted June 22, 1769, at a meeting of county committees held in Annapolis. A notice printed in the *Maryland Gazette* and a broadside, both of which will be found reprinted in Appendix I and II, respectively, outline the events which led to the holding of the Annapolis meeting.

As soon as the *Good Intent* arrived, committees from the counties, which had adopted the Resolution of Non-Importation, assembled in Annapolis. As articles which could be imported were so intermingled with those which could not be brought in, it was decided that none of the freight could be landed. The *Good Intent* with all of her cargo was compelled to return to England. No secrecy was observed. The names of the committeemen were known and notices of the meetings and their decisions were published in the *Maryland Gazette*. It was indeed a bold act. For an account of this event see *The Case of the Good Intent*, *Md. Hist. Mag.* Vol. III, 141-157, 240-256, 342-363, 386-387; *ibid.* Vol. XVI, 60-62; Correspondence of Governor Eden, *Md. Hist. Mag.* Vol. II, 228-244; *Maryland Gazette*, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, Apr. 19, 26, 1770.