

25. WILLIAM GHISELIN of Annapolis (Prot.), com. 8 Aug. and sworn 17 Oct. 1732; died in October, 1743.

26. RICHARD BURDUS of Annapolis (Prot.), com. 16 Nov. 1743 and sworn 10 April 1744; resigned in August, 1755, and died in May, 1756.

27. WILLIAM STEWART of Annapolis (Prot.), com. by his brother, Deputy Secretary George Steuart, 5 August, and sworn 21 Oct. 1755; turned out by Deputy Secretary Tasker.

28. WILLIAM SLIGH of Annapolis (Prot.), com. and sworn 12 May 1756; died 3 March 1757.

29. WILLIAM STEWART, served May court only, 1757; two years later his brother appointed him Clerk of the Land Office.

30. REVERDY GHISELIN of Annapolis (Prot., son of William Ghiselin above), succeeded Stewart about September, 1757, sworn 14 April 1760.

31. ELIE VALLETTE of Annapolis (Prot.), sworn 19 May 1766.

32. REVERDY GHISELIN, sworn 29 April 1773; died 2 April 1775. His successor, George Rankin of Annapolis, was appointed on 3 April 1775.

*e. Register in Chancery.*

Prior to May, 1695 (except from 16 Feb. 1668/9 to 9 Nov. 1670 when ROBERT CARVILE [Cath.] was Register) the Clerk of the Secretary's Office was always Register in Chancery. Separate chancery records begin with Carvile's appointment. John Freeman, like all or most previous Registers, was appointed by the Secretary; but his successors were appointed by the Chancellor.

1. JOHN FREEMAN of Annapolis (Prot.), com. by Secretary Lawrence, 10 April and sworn 14 May 1695; died in December, 1708.

2. JOHN BEALE of Annapolis (Prot.), entered office prior to 12 Feb. 1708/9.

3. ROBERT HALL of Prince George's County (Prot.), succeeded Beale in July, 1709; resigned to be Clerk of Prince George's County in August, 1711.

4. EDWARD BENSON of Annapolis (Prot.), sworn 5 Sept. 1711.