

15. Rev. BENNET ALLEN, rector of St. James Parish, Anne Arundel County, com. and sworn 26 March 1768; dismissed at request of the Board of Revenue, 25 Nov. 1768. A drinking, brawling, and fox hunting parson, who had won His Lordship's favor by defending him in a charge of rape, Allen proved an incompetent administrator and a political nuisance.

16. Maj. DANIEL OF ST. THOMAS JENIFER of Annapolis (Prot.), com. by Lt. Gov. Sharpe, 25 Nov. 1768; superseded by Jordan.

17. JOHN MORTON JORDAN of Annapolis (Prot.), com. by Baltimore, 14 Aug. 1769; entered office early in December; resigned shortly before his death on 23 July 1771. He was a former Virginia merchant who, with the aid of a pretty wife, had gained the favor of the Proprietary.

18. Maj. DANIEL OF ST. THOMAS JENIFER, com. by Lt. Gov. Eden, 9 Sept. 1771 and again by Henry Harford, 29 April 1773. He was chosen President of the Council of Safety in 1775 and President of the state Senate in 1777, represented Maryland in the Continental Congress, 1778-82, and in the Federal Convention of 1787. Maj. Jenifer died 16 Nov. 1790.

2a. JUDGES OF THE LAND OFFICE.

This office dates from Deputy Secretary Philemon Lloyd's assumption of the title on or shortly before 13 June 1717; it was separated from that of Deputy Secretary at the appointment of Col. Levin Gale, 16 Dec. 1738. The Constitution of 1776 made no provision for this place, and the then remaining Judge, Benedict Calvert, surrendered his papers to St. George Peale, lately appointed Register of the Land Office for the Western Shore, on 13 May 1777. An act of 22 Jan. 1782 made the state Chancellor the Judge of the Land Office.

1. Col. LEVIN GALE of Somerset County (Prot.), com. 16 Dec. 1738 (the office being at this date separated from that of Deputy Secretary) and again 15 Oct. 1742; died in office in March, 1743/4.

2. PHILIP THOMAS of Anne Arundel County (Prot.), com. 15 March 1743/4; resigned, or was perhaps displaced to provide for Tasker and Young.