

a subsequent chapter. It had at first been filled by the Secretary, but it had been made a separate office in 1641/2 and in 1697 had been divided between two incumbents, one for each shore. Meanwhile it had become a sinecure with no function but the appointment and occasional instruction of deputies.

In January, 1716/17, soon after His Lordship's restoration, Governor John Hart received the Surveyorship General of the Eastern Shore. In June, 1726, Governor Charles Calvert exchanged this for the more lucrative Western Surveyorship. Just at the end of the colonial period, in May, 1774, Governor Eden gave up the office by appointing to it one Robert Smith of Annapolis.⁴¹

As Surveyor General the Governor might collect from each deputy on his shore either a fixed salary or half the incumbent's fees. In later colonial times this brought him in from £ 120 to £ 130 a year.⁴²

The total net value of the chief executive's office, uniting those of Governor and Chancellor, may have amounted to £ 1800 or £ 2000 during the royal period. After Baltimore's restoration this office, now embracing those of Governor, Chancellor, and Surveyor General, may have brought in from £ 2000 to £ 2300. It was in any case by far the most lucrative place of profit in Maryland. But the Governor earned every penny of it. His job was ticklish and his tenure highly uncertain. Sooner or later, between trying to please the proprietor and the delegates, he could count on pleasing neither.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, XXV, 344, 346; Warrants, liber BB, folio 49; Patent Record, liber EI, No. 3, folio 315 (Md. Land Office); Commission Book No. 83, folio 8 (Hall of Records). Hart was appointed Surveyor General for both shores Oct. 11, 1716, and took office Jan. 11, 1716/17. He then relinquished the Western office to Thomas Bordley, May 20, 1717. Between Calvert's assumption of the Western Surveyorship and Eden's relinquishment of it, two persons served in this capacity who were not chief executives. These were Joshua George, from December, 1746, to December, 1748, and George Lee, from November, 1768, till late in 1771.

⁴² See chapter VIII, note 46.