

14 March 1755 (Black Books, XI, 27; Prov. Ct. Rec., 1. EI #9, pt. A, f. 524); died in office, 17 May 1755.

6. Dr. George Steuart of Annapolis (Prot., wife Cath. and distantly related to the Calverts), com. by Lt. Gov. Sharpe, 20 May and sworn 27 May 1755 (Ibid., f. 573). As Principal Secretary Calvert desired to raise his saddle on the Deputy's office from 200 to 300 per year, Dr. Steuart was put in to officiate gratis until Lt. Gov. Sharpe could find some competent person to accept the office at this rate. As no such candidate appeared, the office was at last given to Col. Tasker under the old saddle of 200.

7. Col. Benjamin Tasker, Jr. of Annapolis (Prot., son of B. Tasker, Sr., Pres. of the Council, nephew of Lt. Gov. Bladen, and brother-in-law of Lt. Gov. Ogle), com. by Lt. Gov. Sharpe, 29 Dec. 1755 and sworn 1 Jan. 1756 (Ibid., f. 640); died in office, 17 Oct. 1760.

8. John Ridout of Annapolis (Prot., Lt. Gov. Sharpe's private secretary and protege; m. in 1760 Ann Ogle, Col. Tasker's niece), com. by Sharpe, 18 Oct. and sworn 20 Oct. 1760 (Ibid., 1. BT #4, f. 144); Sharpe hoped the Calverts would confirm this appointment, but they preferred to gratify Dulany; Ridout meantime had given up the profits of the Western Shore Surveyorship, which Sharpe had allowed him.

9. Daniel Dulany, Jr. of Annapolis (Prot., brother-in-law of Tasker above and uncle of Mrs. John Ridout), sworn Deputy Secretary by Calvert's direction, 22 June 1761 (M. Gazette, 25 June); recom. 29 April 1773 (Commission Book No. 82, f. 301). Dulany was presented for High Treason, and his estates were con-