

1732/3; sworn 24 April 1733; recom. Deputy Secretary in 1742/3; deputized by Cecilius Calvert, 11 Sept. 1751 and 1 March 1753. On 27 Oct. 1740, before undertaking a trip to England, he commissioned John Ross his deputy; he again left the province, to reside permanently in England, 15 Sept. 1753; he died at Bath, 3 March 1756. On Lt. Gov. Ogle's appointment of Col. Levin Gale as Judge of the Land Office, 16 Dec. 1738, this place was separated from the office of Deputy Secretary.

5. Col. GEORGE PLATER II of St. Mary's County (Prot.), deputized by Secretary Calvert, 9 Dec. 1754; com. by Lt. Gov. Sharpe, 11 March and sworn 14 March 1755; 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. 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; died in office, 17 Oct. 1760.

8. JOHN RIDOUT of Annapolis (Prot., Lt. Gov. Sharpe's private secretary and protégé; m. in 1760 Ann Ogle, Col. Tasker's niece), com. by Sharpe, 18 Oct. and sworn 20 Oct. 1760; 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; recom. 29 April 1773. Dulany was presented for High Treason, and his estates were confiscated, in 1781. He then retired from the bar and took up his residence in Baltimore Town where he died, 17 March 1797.