

## 5. PROVINCIAL CLERKS.

a. *Clerk of the Council.*

From October, 1678, until organization of the state government the Clerk of the Council was always Clerk of the Upper House, and until July, 1707, he was also Clerk of the High Court of Appeals. He was chosen by the Governor and Council and appointed by the Governor.

1. WILLIAM BRETTON of St. Mary's City (Cath.), entered office in or before 1638. Retained other clerkships after 1647.

2. ROBERT CLARKE of St. Mary's City (Cath.), succeeded Bretton shortly before 11 Sept. 1647; was also Surveyor General. He ceased to be Clerk when he was appointed to the Council in 1653/4.

3. Col. HENRY COURSEY of Kent County (Prot.), entered office shortly before 24 July 1654; resigned to be Secretary in 1659/60.

4. CECILIUS LANGFORD of Kent County (Cath.?), entered office shortly before 7 March 1659/60; left the province prior to April, 1664.

5. ROBERT RIDGELY of St. Mary's City (Prot.?), succeeded Langford in 1664.

6. JOHN BLOMFIELD of St. Mary's City (Cath.?), com. 5 May 1669; discharged, 21 July 1670.

7. ROBERT RIDGELY, succeeded Blomfield in July, 1670. He was also Deputy Secretary and Clerk of the Lower House.

8. JOHN BLOMFIELD, entered office shortly before 23 Aug. 1674.

9. JOHN LLEWELLIN of St. Mary's City (Prot.), entered office shortly before 15 April 1678; became Clerk of the Upper House as well, 20 Oct. 1678.

10. \*THOMAS GRUNWIN of St. Mary's City (Cath.?), sworn 6 July 1683. Removed to be Clerk of the Secretary's Office.

11. JOHN LLEWELLIN, sworn 29 Dec. 1683.

12. HENRY BONNER of Prince George's County (Prot.), sworn 10 April 1685.