

Thus the Governor's allowance for rent became a permanent charge upon the public levy. Yet it seems never to have been sufficient for the purpose. In 1698 Nicholson complained that he had received only £96.10.0 since his removal to Annapolis while the Governor of Virginia got £150 a year for rent.<sup>25</sup> In 1704 John Seymour was getting £30, and by Sharpe's time this allowance had risen to £80 currency, but it was never more. Sharpe was actually paying £100 a year for lodging, and his successor, Robert Eden, bought a house for something over £2000.<sup>26</sup> By this time, moreover, the Governor was burdened with other and larger expenses.

The proprietary's habit of imposing upon his officers a fixed annual payment, called a "saddle," began almost with the founding of Maryland and in later times became a troublesome feature of the patronage. Governor Hart had had to pay the Honorable Benedict Leonard Calvert, His Lordship's heir, £500 a year from his own arrival, in May, 1714, until Calvert's death a year later.<sup>27</sup> But it was not until December, 1751, that a permanent saddle was levied upon the chief executive.

On his succession to the title in that year Frederick, Lord Baltimore, had appointed his "beloved Uncle," Cecilius Calvert, to the office of Principal Secretary, residing in England. He then went about his pleasures, leaving the Secretary to manage his province. Now this officer had of late received no more than a salary of £100 paid by his deputy in Maryland; but as his responsibilities were now augmented, his remuneration had to be increased. An additional £350 was to be made up by saddles upon the Governor, the Commissary General, and the Judges of the Land Office. Of these Governor Ogle was asked to pay £200 sterling per annum by half-yearly installments.<sup>28</sup>

Captain Horatio Sharpe, who came out two years later, became

*through the Middle Settlements of North America, in the Years 1759 and 1760* (London, 1798). It later became the central edifice of St. John's College.

<sup>25</sup> Francis Nicholson to Board of Trade, Aug. 20, 1698 (*Archives*, XXIII, 493).

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*, XXVI, 204; LII, 403, 409; LXII, 231-32. Sharpe in 1756 and Eden in 1770 complained of this inadequate allowance but without effect. On the other hand a Governor, should he find the Lower House in a happy mood, might obtain something additional for repairs. Cf. *Ibid.*, XXVII, 6; XXX, 50.

<sup>27</sup> *Calendar of State Papers, Colonial, 1714-15*, arts. 200, 238.

<sup>28</sup> John Sharpe to Edmund Jennings, Dec. 20, 1751; Cecilius Calvert to Horatio Sharpe, Dec. 12, 1754; Instructions to Horatio Sharpe, March 30, 1753; Horatio Sharpe to William Sharpe, May 2, 1756 (*Calvert Papers*, II, 122; *Archives*, XXXI, 474; Portfolio No. 2, folder 4(1), Hall of Records; *Archives*, VI, 400).