

On December 7, 1704, Governor John Seymour and the Council appointed Colonel Philemon Lloyd, for the time being, to the new office of Commissary General for War.<sup>51</sup> On Seymour's applying to the Board of Trade for permission to establish such an officer permanently, that body acquiesced and recommended a salary of not more than £ 100 sterling a year out of the fund for arms. They also asked Colonel Blakiston, the Provincial Agent in England, to name a suitable incumbent.<sup>52</sup>

Accordingly Colonel Robert Finley, who had come out to Maryland with Blakiston in 1698, was recommended and, on July 8, 1708, was properly appointed by the Governor. He was given a salary of £ 80 sterling, which he enjoyed until his death about 1714.<sup>53</sup> Lord Baltimore's government, restored the following year, appointed no successor.

#### 4. THE AGENT IN ENGLAND.

This office was by its nature unavailable to residents of Maryland, and it existed on a satisfactory basis only during Colonel Nathaniel Blakiston's incumbencies, from 1702 to 1709 and from 1713 to 1721.<sup>54</sup> Originally appointed on his return to England in June of the year first mentioned, at a salary of £ 120 sterling, former Governor Blakiston failed to obtain all those concessions the Lower House demanded. In December, 1708, they ordered his dismissal.<sup>55</sup>

Urging by the Board of Trade and by the Governor and Council, together with the necessities of the ordinary license controversy

Capt. *John Young*, on or before Jan. 11, 1707/8 to May, 1734; *Onorio Razolini* (a Protestant convert), June 4, 1734 until his return to Italy, Aug., 1741; *Richard Tootell*, Sept. 5, 1741 to Sept., 1745; *John Raist*, Sept. 26, 1745 to Sept., 1748; and *Henry Walls*, Sept. 29, 1748 to his death in 1767.

<sup>51</sup> *Ibid.*, XXVI, 378.

<sup>52</sup> Cf. John Seymour to Board of Trade, July 3, 1705, and Board of Trade to John Seymour, Feb. 4, 1705/6 (*Calendar of State Papers, Colonial, 1704-05*, art. 1210; 1706-08, art. 84); also *Journal of the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, 1704-8/9*, 209.

<sup>53</sup> *Archives*, XXV, 242; XXVII, 396. References to Finley as Commissary General for War appear in the *Archives* until 1714.

<sup>54</sup> Three persons served briefly as Agents before Blakiston's appointment. *Peter Pagan* of London, merchant, was appointed by an act of June, 1692, repealed in Oct., 1694; *John Povey* served from 1694 to 1697; and on July 6, 1697, *Micajah Perry* appears as Agent for both Virginia and Maryland (*Ibid.*, XIX, 165, 234; XXII, 52, 54; *Maryland Historical Magazine*, XII [1917], 119; *Calendar of State Papers, Colonial, 1696-97*, art. 1157). The Council of Trade and Plantations urged appointment of an Agent in 1698 and again in 1711 (*Archives*, XXII, 174; XXIX, 6; *Calendar of State Papers, Colonial, 1710-11* arts. 839, 906).

<sup>55</sup> *Archives*, XXIV, 228, 262, 364; XXVII, 305.