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The Commissary's office was united with the Chancellorship in 1673 and thence separated, to form an independent place of profit, twenty years later at the organization of royal government. At that time the Commissary General, under a law of 1692, began to appoint in each county a deputy to grant letters of administration and pass accounts of small estates.

The Naval Officers, originally three, were augmented in number as shipping increased, and under royal government there were two sets of them, one provincial and the other proprietary. The Judgeship of the Land Office, separated from the secretariat in 1738, was after 1746 usually held by joint incumbents.

Now in addition to these offices, which arose by division from the secretariat, certain others were set up as need arose. A provincial Agent was maintained in London for brief intervals. Other officials were appointed to drill troops and care for the public arms. To the provincial officers of finance were added in 1733 the Commissioners of the Loan Office and, later, certain temporary Agents or Commissioners to handle moneys raised under supply acts. Of the crown revenue officers more will be said later.

2. THE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT.

This rather intricate organization may be divided, at least in theory, into four units, each with its own function. These were: (1) a central governing body, which performed the executive, judicial, and other nonfinancial services of government; (2 and 3) two local revenue establishments, one provincial and the other proprietary; and (4) a crown revenue establishment, largely separate from the others.

✓ What we have called the central governing body included the Governor and Chancellor, the Secretary in his essential functions (that is, those remaining to him after 1738), the Commissary General, the Attorney General, the sheriffs (in their executive capacity), some minor officials, and the provincial and county clerks.

✓ The provincial revenue establishment consisted of the Public Treasurers, the Naval Officers (as collectors of provincial duties),