

and to such person or persons, for such estate and interest, and with such privileges and immunities, as he already had or should thereafter have Warrant for from the Proprietary under his hand and seal; which grants so to be made and passed, were directed to be enrolled by the Secretary of the Province for the time being, as well as the Warrants under which they were passed, and were declared to be effectual in law, and binding on the Proprietary and his heirs after such enrollment, and not before. By the same Commission three persons, to wit Jerome Hawley, Thomas Cornwallis, and John Lewger were appointed a Council to the Governor, and the last mentioned Gentleman appointed, also, Secretary and Keeper of the acts and proceedings of the Governor (or Lieutenant) and Council for the time being, and for the *doing* (i. e. making out) and *recording of all grants of land* or of offices within the Province, as well as for recording generally all matters of a nature to require it.

The next establishment that claims our notice is that of Surveyor General, to which office John Lankford was appointed on the 24th of March 1641. This officer does not seem to have been a mere surveyor or director of the Surveys of *land*, although it has been generally under the authority of a Surveyor General similarly commissioned that lands have been laid out by the Deputy Surveyors under the Proprietary Government. But he was by this Commission constituted Surveyor General of all and singular the Castles, Lordships, Manors, Forests, Chases, Parks, Messuages, Tenements, *Lands*, Woods, Rents, Revenues, Possessions, and Hereditaments whatsoever of his Lordship, his heirs and assigns within the Province of Maryland; to hold the said office by himself or sufficient Deputy or Deputies *during his* (b) *natural life*. No Commissions of a very early date to Deputy Surveyors are to be found, and it is presumable that they acted under any kind of Warrant or private appointment that the Surveyor General thought proper to give.— Examples of Commissions in a regular form occur about the year 1674, as will hereafter appear.

The Secretary's office being opened, the persons entitled to land, under the first or later Conditions of Plantation, resorted thither to procure entries on record of their respective rights, and, either at the same or at a subsequent time, to demand Warrants of survey for the correspondent quantities of land, which were issued by the Governor, or by the Secretary under his direction. Besides the *demands* made under Conditions of Plantation, many were grounded on speci-

(b) This is the only instance on record of an Office held for life. The Proprietary's Commissions were generally *during his pleasure*.