

during Jowles's absence from Annapolis, 6 Dec. 1695 to 16 May 1696. Col. Jowles was recommissioned by Gov. Blakiston when he assumed office, 2 Jan. 1698/9, but he was deprived of the seal in July, and he died prior to Feb. 1700/1.

[Gov. Blakiston, instructed to keep the Great Seal, took it from Col. Jowles on 6 July 1699. It was then retained by the chief executive until 27 Feb. 1719/20].

6. Col. WILLIAM HOLLAND of Anne Arundel County (Prot.), was appointed by Lt. Gov. Hart to keep the Great Seal, 27 Feb. 1719/20, not long before Hart's departure for England. He was superseded by Tilghman.

7. Col. RICHARD TILGHMAN II of Queen Anne's County (Prot., wife's mother Cath.), com. by Lt. Gov. Charles Calvert, 6 Nov. 1721 and sworn the same day. Calvert resumed custody of the seal on 12 July 1725. It was then retained by the chief executive until the Revolution. Richard Sprigg of Dorchester County was sworn state Chancellor, 21 April 1777.

2 a. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.

With this place were originally united several other offices, which from time to time were taken from the Secretary and set up as independent places of profit. Until 1705/6, except for two brief intervals (1671-73 and 1694-96), the Principal Secretary resided in Maryland; and Lord Baltimore, when in England, kept a private clerk. After 1705/6 the Principal Secretary lived in England, so that from this date on there was a Deputy Secretary in Maryland. The Constitution of 1776 made no provision for either office.

1. JOHN LEWGER of St. Mary's City (Cath. convert) arrived in Maryland 28 Nov. 1637; com. by His Lordship as "Secretary" and as "Collector and Receiver," 15 April 1637; as "Commissioner in Causes Testamentary," 24 Jan. 1637/8; as Secretary, Judge in Causes Testamentary, and Collector and Receiver of His Lordship's Revenue, 5 Sept. 1642; as Secretary, Judge in Causes Testamentary, Attorney General, and Keeper of the Lesser Seal, 6 Sept. 1644. Until 24 March 1641/2 he acted as Surveyor General. On 26 Aug. 1644 Lewger was suspended from office by Lt. Gen. Brent; but he was restored on the arrival of Leonard Calvert, with a new commission for him, late in the same year.