

Steuart went home to Scotland in 1775, and Calvert gave up his post in May, 1777. The Constitution of 1776 omitted this office, but an act of January, 1782, assigned it to the Chancellor.<sup>82</sup>

The fees of this Judge, reckoned in tobacco, for such acts as the making and recording of warrants, the recording of certificates of survey, and the drafting and recording of land patents, were evidently fixed at an early date. But as the office was solely concerned in administering Baltimore's private property, its fees were not to be regulated either by Governor or by Assembly. Nor were they published by proclamation or established by law until 1747, when the Inspection Act merely confirmed, without altering, those previously taken.<sup>83</sup>

Apparently these Land Office fees were always too high for Lord Baltimore's good: they restrained the purchase of land and thus slowed the increase of his quit-rents.<sup>84</sup> Yet, although in 1738 His Lordship was moved to require of his officers a list of their land fees, he took no further action either then or subsequently.<sup>85</sup> Nine years later, these charges, alone of all tobacco fees, were not reduced by the Inspection Law. Indeed, as this act raised the price of tobacco, it actually increased the sterling value of Land Office fees by twenty percent or more. However we have seen that in the previous year this office had been divided between two incumbents.

It would appear that the Judges took all fees of the Land Office and paid their Register perhaps £ 100 sterling a year, the usual salary of a superior clerk. After December, 1751, they had to pay jointly a saddle of £ 100 to the Principal Secretary. Their income was now further impaired by outbreak of the French and Indian War; and just at this moment Frederick, Lord Baltimore, demanded another hundred a year to settle on Mr. John Wogan of the Inner Temple, "for whom," he said, "I have a very great regard." However the combined appeal of Governor Sharpe,

<sup>82</sup> Patent Record, liber DS, No. 2, folio 226 (Land Office); Kilty, *op. cit.*, 270, 273, 280, 373.

<sup>83</sup> Cf. Daniel Dulany to Cecilius Calvert, Sept. 10, 1764 (*Calvert Papers*, II, 242).

<sup>84</sup> Cf. Dr. Charles Carroll to John Darnall, April 23, 1752; Horatio Sharpe to Cecilius Calvert, Feb. 10, 1754; Daniel Dulany to Cecilius Calvert, Sept. 10, 1764 (*Maryland Historical Magazine*, XXIV [1929], 281; *Archives*, VI, 37; *Calvert Papers*, II, 241).

<sup>85</sup> *Archives*, XL, 593-94.