

the plantation duty.⁸ John Rousby, on the other hand, at his succession to the Patuxent Receivership, began illegally to deduct his from the three pence for arms.⁹

In November, 1709, a committee to inspect the province arms and ammunition reported Rousby's conduct, but it was not till May, 1715, near the end of the royal period, that the Lower House formally complained to Governor Hart.¹⁰ They further inquired how many Receivers were in office, by what authority they acted, and how they were supposed to be paid. The Governor and Council replied in part that there were two Receivers where but one was needed, and that His Excellency would take care to reduce their number on arrival of the Surveyor General of Customs now daily expected.¹¹

Accordingly Hart obtained the dismissal of Dansey, Receiver of North Potomac and Pocomoke, and in October, after learning that Rousby had no commission other than that formerly given Plater, he got rid of the Patuxent Receivership.¹² On restoration of Lord Baltimore's government, proclaimed two months later, reception of these port duties, and of the fines and forfeitures, became a function of His Lordship's Agent and Receiver General.

Just before appointment of the Receivers William Blathwayte, Their Majesties' Surveyor and Auditor General of the Plantation Revenues, had appointed Edward Randolph his Deputy Auditor in Maryland, to review the Receivers' accounts.¹³ Randolph died

⁸ *Ibid.*, XVIII, 115, 246, 363. Royal letters patent, reappointing Muschamp at this higher salary, issued on Aug. 18, 1703. The Receiver of Patuxent, who remained at the old salary, actually did more business (cf. John Seymour to Board of Trade, June 10, 1707, Public Record Office, Colonial Office, 5:716, part 2, LC).

⁹ Rousby took his salary from this source from April 3, 1707, to Oct. 28, 1715, when his office was discontinued (*Archives*, XXVII, 451-52; XXX, 455). Later on the Lower House tried to make him pay it all back (cf. *Ibid.*, XXX, 455, 460; XXXIII, 397-98, 410).

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, XXVII, 451-52; XXX, 45-47.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, XXX, 45-47.

¹² *Ibid.*, XXX, 150, 396, 455; XXXIII, 410.

¹³ *Calendar of Treasury Books*, IX, part 4, 1421; Edward Randolph to Lionel Copley, April 13, 1692 (*Archives*, VIII, 316). The appointment was dated Dec. 20, 1691. Although he was in office more than a decade, there is no evidence (in the Blathwayte Papers) that Randolph ever performed his duties. Blathwayte, as Surveyor and Auditor General, from 1680 until his death in 1717, expected a salary from each of the plantation governments. However the Maryland Lower House, as they had not established his office, would not pay to support it. The Governor did get him a gratuity of £ 50 in October, 1695, but later efforts, in July, 1699, and May and September, 1704, yielded him nothing (*Archives*, XIX, 165, 234; XXII, 357; XXIV, 342-43, 348; XXVI, 80, 85; Francis Nicholson to Bishop of London, Feb. 13, 1695/6, *Maryland Historical Magazine*, XII [1917], 119).