

Papers, I, 302; Audit Office, b. 806, r. 1042).

8. Robert Baron of Dorchester County (Prot.), took office 6 Oct. 1748 (Ibid., b. 813, r. 1054); died 3 June 1774.

9. William Bacon of Somerset County (Prot.), com. 24 Nov. 1774 (Black Books, vol. 9, pt. 1, art. 10); granted leave to remove to Great Britain, 27 May 1780 (AM, XLIII, 184).

4) Collector of Chester and Patapsco.

1. Rev. James Sterling of St. Paul's Parish, Kent County (Prot.), appointed pursuant to Treasury Warrant of 12 May 1752; salary began 25 March 1752 (Treasury, 11/24, p. 155; Audit Office, b. 815, r. 1058); entered office in August, 1752 (Mt. Gazette, 27 Aug.); died 10 Nov. 1763.

2. William Geddes of Kent County (Prot.), appointed by Customs Commissioners shortly before 28 Jan. 1766 (Treas. Board Papers, b. 452, f. 195); probably served to end of colonial period. His district included only Chester River; Patapsco had reverted to the Patuxent District. Geddes was appointed Naval Officer of the Eighth District in April, 1777. He died at Newport, Del., Oct. 1792.

c. Surveyors and Searchers.

1) Surveyor and Searcher of Annapolis

1. Henry Wriothesly of Baltimore County (Prot.), by Treasury Warrant of 20 Nov. 1696 (Col. of Treas. Bks., XI, 313); resigned almost at once.

2. Col. William Bladen of Annapolis (Prot., wife Cath.), com. by Surveyor