

Randall Revell (c. 1613-1687), who was one of the commissioners appointed in 1661 for granting lands on the lower Eastern Shore some five years before Somerset County was established, is known to have been settled in Accomac, Virginia, as early as 1634. He was a burgess of Northampton County, Virginia, in 1657-1658, and in July 1661, was appointed a justice of Northampton. It was only some four months after he was commissioned as a justice in Virginia, that on November 6, 1661, we find him appointed by Governor Philip Calvert as one of the Maryland commissioners under Scarburgh to grant lands on the lower Eastern Shore; and on May 2, 1662, he was appointed to head the commission "to keep the peace" there. He had doubtless moved into Maryland from Virginia between these dates. He came under suspicion as involved in the Scarburgh defection in the winter of 1663, for on February 4, 1662/3, he was recommissioned by the Governor, but a few weeks later, on February 20th, was turned out of office. There is a tradition that Revell married a sister of Scarburgh, which might account for his close political affiliation with the latter in his attempt to gain control for Virginia of the disputed territory on the Eastern Shore. Following the invasion of Scarburgh, of the Annessex-Manokin neighborhood in October 1663, the Accomac, Virginia, court appointed Revell as one of the officers to establish the authority of Virginia in this region. Although he appears for many years after this as a prominent resident of Somerset, he held no office in this county until in 1670 we find him serving as sheriff. He lived on his plantation, "Double Purchase", on Revell's Neck, in Manokin River. He is said to have been a member of the Church of England. His will indicates that he died early in 1687.

Capt. John Elzey ( -1664), who served on the first commissions, appointed in 1661 and 1662 respectively for laying out lands and "to keep the peace" in the territory which was later Somerset County, came into Maryland from Virginia in 1661 or 1662. He had been settled in Northampton, Virginia, as early as 1656. When Scarburgh in 1663 invaded the Annessex-Manokin neighborhood, Elzey remained loyal to the Maryland authorities. On February 4, 1662/3, he was appointed the presiding justice on a new joint commission to grant lands and to keep the peace, and in February 1663/4, was recommissioned, serving until his death later in that year. Elzey was a member of the Church of England. He lived on his plantation, "Almodington", on the Manokin River, and was buried there in May, 1664.

Capt. William Thorne ( -1669), the first military commander of the lower Eastern Shore, and a member of the first commission there "to keep the peace", dated May 2, 1662, came into Maryland from Northampton County, Virginia, in 1661 or early in 1662. He was settled in Northampton County, Virginia, as early as January 1653/4. He was reappointed as a commissioner of the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, April 28, 1663, and again, August 15, 1663. At the time Scarburgh invaded the Eastern Shore of Maryland in October 1663, Thorne remained faithful to the Lord Proprietary. When Somerset County was erected in 1666, and the commissioners for that county were appointed, August 22, the name of William Thorne immediately follows that