

The naval officers were required faithfully and carefully to collect and receive the twelve pence per hogshead arising due by the exportation of tobacco for the support of government ;—and the tonnage duty of fourteen pence per ton, payable to the lord proprietary, on foreign ships or vessels entering and clearing out at their offices ; to make return annually to the revenue board, on oath, of all vessels subject to these duties, or either of them, that had so cleared out ; to render a similar account to the agent, and pay the money collected, retaining a commission of two per cent.

The agent or receiver general was also intrusted by this board in all the details of his duties, most of which may be inferred from those of the subordinate officers. With respect to the land office he was to grant titlings for special or common warrant on the receipt of five pounds sterling per hundred acres, which after many changes, was the last and highest rate of vacant land under the proprietary government. In regard to such warrants as required no titling, namely those of resurvey, (proper) those of escheat, and those under the proclamation, he was on the return of the certificates, and before the issuing of patents, to receive at the same rate for vacancy included, (counting as such, in case of proclamation warrants, the land included in the original certificate) and the reasonable value of all improvements found on such vacant or proclaimed land. In case of escheat, for the discovery of which a premium of one third, and a pre-emption as to the rest, was due by the existing regulations, he was, on return of a certificate, to set a reasonable value on the whole tract, and if the discoverer would not take the whole land at two thirds of that value, a reserve was immediately to be laid on it, and the agent was, as soon as conveniently might be done, to set up and sell the whole tract to the highest bidder, and pay to the discoverer one third of the purchase money : In all cases he was to endorse his receipts of caution money, &c. on the certificates. He was to make entries of all titlings granted, and certificates compounded on, in his office ; shewing the names of parties, kind of warrants, quantities of land, and sums of money received, in the fullest detail, and furnish a statement thereof with his annual account to the revenue board.

The agent was further to receive from the stewards of the proprietary's manors and reserves all rents, arrears of rent, fines, penalties and forfeitures, becoming due from the tenants on those lands : he was to take care that the reserves, some of which were specified in these instructions, were not affected by warrants, by encroachments, or by any thing done in his office :—He was to let out the public ferries on lease for three years, on payment of three pounds sterling for each