

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE PROVINCE AND STATE OF MARYLAND

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BARONS OF BALTIMORE AND LORDS PROPRIETARY

- 1580(?)–1632 George Calvert, created First Lord Baltimore in February 1625. Petitioned for grant of land north of the Potomac.¹
- 1605–1675 Cecilius Calvert, Second Lord Baltimore. Succeeded to title on death of George, April 15, 1632. Granted Charter of Maryland on June 20, 1632.
- 1637–1715 Charles Calvert, Third Lord Baltimore. Succeeded to title on death of Cecilius, November 30, 1675.
- 1679–1715 Benedict Leonard Calvert, Fourth Lord Baltimore. Succeeded to title on death of Charles, February 21, 1715.
- 1699–1751 Charles Calvert, Fifth Lord Baltimore. Succeeded to title on death of Benedict Leonard, April 16, 1715.
- 1732–1771 Frederick Calvert, Sixth Lord Baltimore. Succeeded to title on death of Charles, April 24, 1751.
- 1760–1834 Henry Harford. Harford did not succeed to the title when Frederick died on September 4, 1771, because he was an illegitimate son. He was bequeathed the Province of Maryland in Frederick's will. After the Revolution, Harford relinquished his claim to Maryland in return for a monetary grant from the General Assembly.

COLONIAL GOVERNORS

Prior to the granting of the Charter to Cecilius Calvert, Captain William Claiborne, acting under a commission from the King, had established a trading post and plantation on Kent Island in 1631. He was driven from the Island by Leonard Calvert a few months after the colonists landed.

PROPRIETARY GOVERNMENT

- 1634–1644/5 Leonard Calvert
Calvert had occasion to leave the colony several times, usually for a month or two but once for over a year. During his absences the following men governed the Province: 1637/8 and 1638, John Lewger; 1638 and 1641, Captain Thomas Cornwaleys; 1643–1644, Giles Brent; 1644, William Braithwait.
- 1644/5–1646 Captain Richard Ingle
Usurped the government and maintained control until about the middle of 1646.

¹James W. Foster, the most recent biographer of George Calvert, gives "about 1580" as the date of birth (*Maryland Historical Magazine*, Vol. 55, p. 264). Others have given dates ranging from 1578/9 to 1584.