

16. THOMAS BULLEN (son-in-law of Foster Turbutt and brother-in-law of Tench Francis), entered office in June, 1734. He was merely the nominal incumbent. He paid a tenth of his profits to Deputy Secretary Edmund Jenings and all the rest to Tench Francis, who allowed him in return an annual salary. In 1738 Bullen tried to buy this office for £250 sterling; but as he was unable to raise the money, Francis sold it to Leeds. Bullen died in 1750.

17. JOHN LEEDS, bought this office of Francis; gave bond 2 Aug. 1738; succeeded by Richard Skinner shortly before August, 1777. Leeds died in 1790.

*h. Clerk of Somerset County, 1666.*

*George Birkon Dec. 1665 - Summer 1666 (Lawrence, 312)*  
1. EDMUND BEAUCHAMP, installed as clerk 3 July and com. 22 Aug. 1666; displaced to provide for Aylward in June, 1688.

2. WILLIAM AYLWARD (Cath.), sworn 8 June 1688; put out by the Protestant Associators, 4 Sept. 1689. He was involved, with other "papists," in the killing of Collector John Payne, 3 Jan. 1689/90.

3. EDMUND BEAUCHAMP, restored to office by act of the Convention, 4 Sept. 1689; died 26 Sept. 1691.

4. Capt. JOHN WEST, appointed by the Court, 26 Sept. 1691, and confirmed by Secretary Lawrence next year; resigned in 1696/7; was later Naval Officer of Pocomoke.

5. PETER DENT, succeeded West in 1696/7; displaced in 1705 to provide for Hall; died in Feb., 1710/11.

6. ALEXANDER HALL, had married a relative of Gov. Seymour's and had come over to Maryland with him; on 14 Sept. 1704 Seymour got the Assembly's consent to Hall's taking office in spite of a law requiring three years prior residence; he then obtained Hall's appointment to this clerkship in November, 1705. Hall resigned in 1722/3 and died in April, 1735.

7. THOMAS HAYWARD, SR., succeeded Hall about 25 March 1723.

8. THOMAS HAYWARD, JR., gave bond 24 Nov. 1749; succeeded by William Done, 29 Jan. 1793.