

make up the amount from other revenues.<sup>10</sup> It seems actually to have brought in something over £ 1400 from year to year.<sup>11</sup>

A second duty, of three pence sterling per hogshead, was granted by acts of Assembly to each successive Governor, for his incumbency, from June, 1692, to the close of Captain John Hart's administration in 1720. Thereafter, at Baltimore's suggestion, half of this three pence was applied to the support of free schools. It was now reenacted at three year intervals until September 29, 1739, when the last such law expired.<sup>12</sup> Later Governors got the three halfpence, but only now and then, under acts confined to a year's duration.<sup>13</sup> This duty may have brought in about £ 500 a year until 1720 and thereafter, when granted, half that amount.<sup>14</sup>

A third duty, of three pence sterling per ton on all vessels, country bottoms excepted, was levied by a perpetual act of October, 1694, and was collected down to the end of colonial times.<sup>15</sup> In 1767 Governor Sharpe valued its produce at £ 228.15.9 sterling.<sup>16</sup>

The granting of marriage licenses for a regular fee, originally twenty shillings but later twelve, was accorded Governor Lionel Copley by royal instructions of August 26, 1691. The vestry of each parish appointed some person to issue such licenses and to account to His Excellency for the profits.<sup>17</sup> In 1767 Sharpe reported his income from this source at the surprisingly high figure of £ 341.4.0.<sup>18</sup>

Gratuities were given by act of Assembly and were raised in the public levy. In the earlier proprietary period Governor Charles Calvert received such a gift (1674/5) and Governor Thomas Notley another in 1678.<sup>19</sup> Early in the royal period Nathaniel

<sup>10</sup> The text of His Lordship's instructions to the Agent, dated Dec. 16, 1756, has apparently been lost, but these instructions are noted and confirmed in others of June 30, 1768 (*Ibid.*, XXXII, 401).

<sup>11</sup> For the precise amounts paid the Governor after 1755 see the Agents' accounts in the Calvert Papers as quoted in Barker, *op. cit.*, 383.

<sup>12</sup> *Archives*, XIII, 441; XXXIV, 7; XXXVI, 550; XL, 271.

<sup>13</sup> Namely from Oct., 1742, to Oct. 31, 1743, from July 11, 1747, to Sept. 29, 1749, and from Nov., 1753, to Dec., 1754.

<sup>14</sup> *Calendar of State Papers, Colonial, 1702-03, loc. cit.*; cf. Morriss, *op. cit.*, 48.

<sup>15</sup> *Archives*, XIX, 114; XXVI, 360.

<sup>16</sup> Horatio Sharpe, "An exact Estimate of the Annual Charge of . . . the Province of Maryland . . ." 1767 (Portfolio No. 3, folder 12a. Hall of Records, Annapolis).

<sup>17</sup> *Archives*, VIII, 277; XX, 236; XXIII, 76; XXV, 10.

<sup>18</sup> See note 16 above.

<sup>19</sup> *Archives*, II, 432; VII, 47.