

government, appointed three such provincial officers, one for each district, and ordered them to collect all duties whatsoever.¹² Thereafter appointment lay with the Governor. An act of October, 1694, which erected the ports of Annapolis and Oxford, required him to place a Naval Officer at each, and Francis Nicholson, on naming them, added one more to reside in Cecil County at the head of the bay.¹³

Baltimore had meanwhile retained his own Naval Officers and had obtained a privy council order of 1690/1 to enable them to collect those duties which were a part of his private income.¹⁴ He now placed an officer of his own at Annapolis and at Oxford.¹⁵ When, by a Council order of August 16, 1695, these proprietary officials were deprived of their fees, His Lordship settled upon them small salaries in tobacco amounting to £ 25 sterling a year for the officer at Patuxent and half that sum for each of the others.¹⁶

Throughout the royal period there were thus two sets of Naval Officers, the one collecting provincial and the other proprietary duties. Soon after his restoration, however, Baltimore ordered Governor Hart to have the provincial incumbents collect his proprietary along with the province duties, so that he could dispense with his own officers.¹⁷

There remained, then, after 1716/17, only the province Naval Officers, three in the lower and three in the upper parts of the bay. The Cecil County office was abolished some years prior to 1754.¹⁸

¹² *Ibid.*, XIII, 246. These were Maj. Samuel Bourne, Capt. John Coode, and Maj. Robert King for Patuxent, North Potomac, and Pocomoke, respectively.

¹³ *Ibid.*, XIX, 110; XX, 160. These were Capt. Richard Hill, Maj. Thomas Smithson, and Col. William Pearce for Annapolis, Oxford, and Cecil County, respectively. They were appointed on Oct. 18, 1694.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, VIII, 234. This order, dated Feb. 27, 1690/1, was not at first obeyed. Apparently His Lordship's officers were allowed to collect the 12d per hogshead in May, 1692, and the 14d per ton in October, 1693 (*Ibid.*, XIII, 311-14; XX, 23-27).

¹⁵ He was required to do this by an order in Council of Aug. 16, 1695 (*Ibid.*, XX, 286).

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, XX, 286; John Kilty, *Land-Holder's Assistant and Land Office Guide* (Baltimore, 1808), 129.

¹⁷ See His Lordship's instructions to Gov. John Hart, Oct. 11, 1716, read in Council Jan. 11, 1716/7 (*Archives*, XXV, 344), and those to Agent Henry Lowe, Jr., Feb. 20, 1716/7 (Provincial Court Record, libert TP, no. 4, folio 413, Md. Land Office).

¹⁸ Col. John Veazey, last Naval Officer of Cecil County, was appointed Dec. 8, 1743 (Commission Book No. 82, folio 106, Hall of Records). A list of Maryland offices and their values, of about 1745, still refers to six Naval Offices. The