

Lawrence, had got possession of the Patent Record, and had refused to surrender it to His Lordship's Agent. A final settlement between Sir Thomas and Lord Baltimore, negotiated by Solicitor General Trevor, was confirmed by the King in Council, February 13, 1695/6, and was promulgated by the Governor that October.²⁶

Sir Thomas was to retain the Patent Record but was to give the proprietary officers, Agent Darnall and Register Charles Carroll, free access to it. Fees for the sealing of land grants were to be equally divided between Baltimore's Agent and the Crown Chancellor. All other fees were to be similarly divided between the Agent and Register on the one hand and Secretary Lawrence on the other. In 1704 Baltimore doubled the purchase price of vacant lands, that is the caution money, and gave his Agent and Register the entire increase in lieu of that moiety of fees earlier lost to the Chancellor and Secretary.²⁷

At His Lordship's restoration, late in 1715, the Secretary in Maryland, once more a proprietary official, regained those territorial functions which he had had prior to 1690. Deputy Secretary Philemon Lloyd, on June 13, 1717, appointed one Edward Griffith Clerk or Register of the Land Office and himself assumed the title of Judge and Register of the same.²⁸ We may note that, although all subsequent Judges bore this full title, they were commonly called simply Judges of the Land Office, and they invariably appointed another to act as Register.

The first commission bearing this new title of Judge was issued to Deputy Secretary Edmund Jenings, March 20, 1732/3.²⁹ The office was separated from the Secretariat on appointment as Judge of Colonel Levin Gale, December 16, 1738.³⁰ From May, 1746, it was almost always divided between two joint incumbents.³¹ The last proprietary Judges of the Land Office were Dr. George Steuart (July 13, 1747) and Benedict Calvert (March 5, 1755).

²⁶ *Archives*, VIII, 387; XX, 434-35, 530-31. Sir Thomas had got the patent record by order of the Governor and Council, Oct. 14, 1692.

²⁷ *Ibid.*, XXVI, 54, 140-41, 143-44. See also Baltimore's instructions to Agent Charles Carroll, Sept. 12, 1712 (Provincial Court Record, liber TP, No. 4, folio 519, Land Office).

²⁸ Warrants, liber BB, folio 49 (Land Office); Kilty, *op. cit.*, 226, 269.

²⁹ Warrants, liber EE, folio 298 (Land Office).

³⁰ Commission Book No. 82, folio 64 (Hall of Records).

³¹ Provincial Court Record, liber EI, No. 8, folio 144 (Land Office).