

8. John Ridout of Annapolis (Prot., Col. Tasker's nephew and Lt. Gov. Sharpe's protege), entered office 17 April 1761 (Ibid., b. 818, r. 1065). He was obliged to resign, shortly before 28 Oct. 1768, because he would not live at his post (Treas. Board Papers, b. 465; Md. Hist. Mag., XXVII, 238).

9. Robert Stamford Burns of Cecil County (Prot.), probably succeeded Ridout about 1769; served to the end of the colonial period (Ibid., XXVII, 239).

2) Riding Surveyor of Pocomoke.

1. Edward Price of Somerset County (Prot.), com. by Edward Randolph, 24 Dec. 1697 (AM, XXXIII, 326); was also Riding Surveyor of Wicomico and Monie; resigned after his appointment as Collector of Pocomoke, 25 Dec. 1705.

2. John Phelps of Somerset County (Prot.), entered office 24 April 1707 (Audit Office, b. 780, r. 953); died in Midsummer, 1717.

3. Joseph Browne of Somerset County (Prot.), entered office 17 May 1718 (Ibid., b. 791, r. 1009); suspended by the Customs Commissioners in 1732 because he had removed to Philadelphia and had refused to return to his post.

4. Joseph Boswell of ---- County (Prot.), appointed by Surveyor General George Phenney, 2 Aug. 1732 and sworn 18 Jan. 1732/3 (Black Books, VIII, 105).

5. Sergeant Smathers of Somerset County (Prot.), served from 22 March 1735/6 to 28 April 1737 (Audit Office, b. 809, r. 1047).

6. William Bragg of Somerset County (Prot.), appointed by Treasury