

XXVIII, 381); died in office, 3 May 1752. He assumed the Western Shore Surveyorship, 14 Dec. 1748.

43. Benjamin Tasker, Sr. (Prot., wife's mother Cath.; he was father of Mrs. Samuel Ogle and m. Lt. Gov. Bladen's sister), succeeded as President of the Council and as acting Chancellor and Surveyor General of the Western Shore (AM, XXVIII, 537). Superseded by Sharpe.

44. Capt. Horatio Sharpe (Prot., brother of John Sharpe, one of Lord Baltimore's guardians), com. 17 March and sworn 10 Aug. 1753 (AM, XXXI, 3). He was Surveyor General of the Western Shore until 28 Nov. 1768, but until December, 1760 he allowed the profits of this office to John Ridout, his private secretary. Dismissed, ostensibly to provide for Capt. Eden, Sharpe retired to his estate near Annapolis and there resided until family affairs called him to England in 1773. A special clause exempted his Maryland property from the effects of the confiscation act of 1781. He died at Hampstead, near London, 9 Nov. 1790.

45. *Capt. Robert Eden (Prot., m. Baltimore's sister), com. 1 Aug. 1768; arrived 5 June 1769 (AM, XXXII, 274). He assumed the Surveyorship General of the Western Shore late in 1771 and retained it until his first return home. Left the province to go to England, 28 May 1774.

46. Ridout Lee (Prot.), was left in charge as President of the Council during Eden's absence.

47. *Capt. Robert Eden resumed the government of Maryland, 8 Nov. 1774. Sailed for home, aboard H.M.S. Fowey, 24 June 1776 (AM, XI, 514). In England he was created a baronet. After the Revolution Sir Robert returned to Annapolis