

where he died, 2 Sept. 1784. Thomas Johnson, the first state Governor, was inaugurated on 20 March 1777 (AM, XVI, 187).

1 b. Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal

Except from November, 1661 to July, 1699 and from February, 1719/20 to July, 1725, the Chancellorship was always held by the chief executive. The Constitution of 1776 separated these offices. Under royal government there were two great seals and consequently two Keepers, but the Keeper of the crown seal was Chancellor. The office of Commissary General was in April, 1673 separated from that of Secretary and united with the Chancellorship; but in October, 1693 it was taken from the Chancellor and set up as a separate office.

1. *Hon. Philip Calvert of St. Mary's City (Cath., Lord Baltimore's half-brother), who was appointed Lieutenant General, 24 June 1660, was by commission of 14 Sept. 1661 created "Deputy Lieutenant" and continued as Chancellor; he yielded the Lieutenantcy General to his successor, the Hon. Charles Calvert, in November, 1661. He was appointed Commissary General, 20 Nov. 1672 and sworn 24 April 1673; by commissions of 5 April 1676 and 17 June 1676 he was continued in the offices of Chancellor and Commissary General until his death in 1682 (AM, III, 441; XV, 7, 24, 74, 109).

2. *Col. Henry Small I of Prince George's County (Cath.) and *Col. William Digges of St. Mary's County (Prot., wife Cath.), com. and sworn joint Chancellors and joint Commissaries, 26 Jan. 1682 (AM, XVII, 129-30). Digges was dropped from both offices on 28 Nov. 1685. Clement Hill, Sr. of