

sioned, 14 May 1695 (AM, IX, 128, 137; Chancery Record, 1. 2, f. 294). Because of Jowles's prolonged illness Col. Nicholas Greenberry was joined with the other two commissioners, for the more rapid dispatch of business, 6 March 1695/6 (AM, IX, 364), and Col. John Addison of Prince George's County (Prot.) was added to their number on 12 Dec. 1696 (AM, IX, 560). Maj. Dorsey kept the seal during Jowles's absence from Annapolis, 6 Dec. 1695 to 16 May 1696. Col. Jowles was recommissioned by Gov. Blakiston when he assumed office, 2 Jan. 1698/9 (AM, XXV, 51), but he was deprived of the seal in July, and he died prior to Feb. 1700/1.

Gov. Blakiston, instructed to keep the Great Seal, took it from Col. Jowles on 6 July 1699 (AM, XXII, 310). It was then retained by the chief executive until 27 Feb. 1719/20.

6. Col. William Holland of Anne Arundel County (Prot.), was appointed by Lt. Gov. Hart to keep the Great Seal, 27 Feb. 1719/20, not long before Hart's departure for England (Chancery Record, 1. 3, f. 488). He was superseded by Tilghman.

7. Col. Richard Tilghman II of Queen Anne's County (Prot., wife's mother Cath.), com. by Lt. Gov. Charles Calvert, 6 Nov. 1721 and sworn the same day (Ibid., 1. 3, f. 717). Calvert resumed custody of the seal on 12 July 1725 (Ibid., 1. 4, f. 175). It was then retained by the chief executive until the Revolution. Richard Sprigg of Dorchester County was sworn state Chancellor, 21 April 1777 (AM, XVI, 221).

#### 2 a. Principal Secretary

With this ~~place~~ were originally united several other offices, which from