

20. Edmund Key of Annapolis (Prot., mother Cath.), com. 26 Dec. 1763 and sworn 10 April 1764 (Com. Bk. #82, f. 160; Prov. Ct. Judgements, l. 49, f. 281); resigned shortly before his death on 4 May 1766.

21. Robert Goldsborough II of Dorchester County (Prot.), sworn 8 April and com. 4 June 1766 (Prov. Ct. Judgements, l. 54, f. 75; Com. Bk. #82, f. 177). Resigned in 1768; died 30 April 1777.

22. Thomas Jenings of Annapolis (Prot.) sworn 18 Oct. and com. 27 Oct. 1768; recom. 29 April 1773 (Prov. Ct. Judgements, l. 59, f. 3; Com. Bk. #82, ff. 220, 302). He was appointed state Attorney General in April 1777 but was succeeded, on 6 Jan. 1778, by Benjamin Galloway. He was a relative of former Deputy Secretary Edmund Jenings.

5. Provincial Clerks.

a. Clerk of the Council.

From October, 1678 until organization of the state government the Clerk of the Council was always Clerk of the Upper House, and until July, 1707 he was also Clerk of the High Court of Appeals. He was chosen by the Governor and Council and appointed by the Governor. The following list is derived from the Council Records now entirely published in the Archives of Maryland.

1. William Bretton of St. Mary's City (Cath.), entered office in or before 1638. Retained other clerkships after 1647.

2. Robert Clarke of St. Mary's City (Cath.), succeeded Bretton shortly before 11 Sept. 1647; was also Surveyor General. He ceased to be Clerk when he was appointed to the Council in 1653/4.