

ceased to meet in 1776. On 26 March 1778 Brooks was ordered to deliver his books and papers to the Clerk of the State Council.

b. Clerk of the Upper House.

On the division of Assembly into two houses, April, 1650, William Bretton, formerly Clerk of Assembly, became Clerk of the Lower House. The Secretary served as Clerk of the Upper House until the appointment of John Gittings to that office in April, 1661. After October, 1678 the Clerk of the Council was also Clerk of the Upper House. The following list is derived from the Archives of Maryland.

1. John Gittings of Calvert County (Prot.), took office at opening of April session, 1661; served through session ending 8 May 1669.
2. Col. John Rousby I of Calvert County (Prot.), sworn 27 March 1671; served only for the two sessions of that year.
3. Richard Boughton of Charles County (Prot.), sworn 19 May 1674; served through session ending 15 June 1676.

John Llewellyn of St. Mary's City (Prot.), Clerk of the Council, became Clerk of the Upper House at opening of the October session, 1678.

c. Clerk of the Lower House.

This clerk was usually chosen by the delegates and admitted to office by the Governor. The following list is derived from the Archives of Maryland.

1. William Bretton of St. Mary's City (Cath.), chosen clerk at opening of second (first recorded) Assembly in January, 1637/8; became Clerk of Lower House