

pointed on 3 April 1775 (Prov. Ct. Rec., 1. DD #6, f. 1).

e. Register in Chancery.

Prior to May, 1695 (except from 16 Feb. 1668/9 to 9 Nov. 1670 when Robert Carville (Cath.) was Register) the Clerk of the Secretary's Office was always Register in Chancery. Separate chancery records begin with Carville's appointment. John Freeman, like all or most previous Registers, was appointed by the Secretary; but his successors were appointed by the Chancellor.

1. John Freeman of Annapolis (Prot.), com. by Secretary Lawrence, 10 April and sworn 14 May 1695 (Chancery Record, 1. 2, f. 295; AM, XX, 233); died in December, 1708.

2. John Beale of Annapolis (Prot.), entered office prior to 12 Feb. 1708/9 (Chancery Record, 1. 2, f. 614).

3. Robert Hall of Prince George's County (Prot.), succeeded Beale in July, 1709; resigned to be Clerk of Prince George's County in August, 1711.

4. Edward Benson of Annapolis (Prot.), sworn 5 Sept. 1711 (Ibid., 1. 2, f. 769).

5. Thomas Jones of Annapolis (Prot.), sworn 21 Jan. 1714/5 (Ibid., 1. 3, f. 87); died in October, 1716.

6. John Beard of Annapolis (Prot.), succeeded Jones (Ibid., f. 339); resigned to be Clerk of the Prerogative Office in July, 1718.

7. Vachel Denton of Annapolis (Prot.), entered office in July, 1718 (Ibid., f. 471); resigned to be Clerk of the Prerogative Office in June, 1720.