

6. Clerks of Counties

The counties appear in the order of their establishment. Except where otherwise indicated these clerks resided in their counties and were Protestants born of Protestant connections. After 1667 County Clerks were appointed by the Secretary in Maryland. The Constitution of 1776 gave their appointment to the several county courts. These lists are compiled from the Archives of Maryland and the county land records and court proceedings. Specific source citations are given for the clerks of St. Mary's and Calvert Counties, for the colonial records of these two counties have burned.

a. Clerk of St. Mary's County.

1. Russell Hill (----), com. 10 May 1658 (AM, XII, 39).
2. Walter Hall (----), com. 14 June 1661 and again 19 Aug. 1668 (AM, III, 423; V, 33). Resigned in 1673/4 and died in Nov. 1678.
3. Edward Clarke (Cath.), com. 27 March 1674 (AM, XV, 34); died about February, 1676/7.
4. John Manley (----), succeeded Clarke about February, 1676/7 (Prov. Ct. Rec., 1. WRC #1, f. 127).
5. *Thomas Grunwin (Cath.?), succeeded Manley shortly before September, 1680 (Prov. Ct. Judgments, 1. 1, f. 339). Resigned to be Clerk of the Secretary's Office
6. Thomas Impey of Talbot County (----), succeeded Grunwin in 1683/4 (Ibid., 1. 3, f. 51; AM, XVII, 229).