

8. William Hemsley, Jr. of Green Anne's County (Prot.), com. by Lt. Gov. Eden, 23 Nov. 1769, and again 29 April 1773 (Ibid., ff. 230, 307). His successor, William Hindman, was appointed by the Convention, 14 Aug. 1775 (AM, XI, 26). Hemsley died 5 June 1812.

2. Provincial Naval Officers.

These offices were continued under the Constitution of 1776; appointment was by the Governor. Eight Naval Officers were appointed in April, 1777.

a. Naval Officer of Patuxent.

1. Maj. Samuel Bourne of Calvert County (Prot.), appointed by act of 4 Sept. 1689 (AM, XIII, 246); soon resigned.

2. Andrew Abington of Calvert County (Prot.), succeeded Bourne, but died in November, 1691 (AM, XIX, 352).

3. Col. George Plater I of St. Mary's County (Prot.), succeeded Abington; gave bond 17 Oct. 1693 (Prov. Ct. Rec., 1. WRC #1, f. 879).

4. Thomas Briscoe of Calvert County (Prot., dependent of Secretary Lawrence), com. and sworn 10 Nov. 1694 (AM, XX, 171, 186); died in August, 1695.

5. Samuel Watkins of Anne Arundel County (Prot.; m. widow of Andrew Abington above), com. and sworn 20 Aug. 1695 (AM, XX, 285); dismissed 20 Oct. 1698 (AM, XXIV, 14).