

8. Stephen Bentley of Annapolis (Prot.), com. in December, 1755 (Black Books, XI, 31); resigned to be sole Commissary General in March, 1762.

9. John Ridout of Annapolis (Prot., Lt. Gov. Sharpe's protege; nephew of B. Tasker, Jr. above), com. in March, 1762 (Md. Gazette, 25 March); recom. 28 Aug. 1769 and 29 April 1773 (Commission Book No. 82, ff. 226, 308). Removed in April, 1777. Died 6 Oct. 1797.

e. Naval Officer of Oxford.

1. Maj. Thomas Switson of Talbot County (Prot.), appointed by Gov. Nicholson, 18 Oct. 1694 (AM, XX, 160); resigned to be Treasurer of the Eastern Shore.

2. Thomas Collier of Talbot County (Prot.), com. 20 May and sworn 29 Aug. 1695 (AM, XX, 285); dismissed 24 Dec. 1697 but was apparently reappointed under a new commission, 30 Dec. 1697 (AM, XXIII, 356; Prov. Ct. Rec., 1. WRC #1, f. 850); died in 1719.

3. Robert Hule of Talbot County (Prot.), appointed on Collier's death; died in office, ---- 1727 (cf. Tilghman, Talbot County, I, 535).

4. Michael Howard of Talbot County (Prot.), appointed prob. in 1727, recom. 25 July 1733 (Commission Book No. 82, f. 1); died in August, 1737.

5. Col. James Hollyday of Queen Anne's County (Prot.), com. 23 Aug. 1737; recom. 29 Sept. 1742 (Ibid., ff. 50, 96); died 8 Oct. 1747.

6. Col. Edward Lloyd of Wye House, Talbot County (Prot., stepson of