

heir of Richard Bennett above), appointed by Lt. Gov. Sharpe on Tasker's resignation, pursuant to Baltimore's instructions of 30 March 1753 (Portfolio II, folder 4, art. 75); resigned in March, 1768 when he gave up the Receiver-ship General.

3. Maj. Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer of Annapolis (Prot.), appointed by Sharpe to succeed Lloyd; quickly superseded by Meriwether (AM, XIV, 513, 537, et. seq.).

4. Reuben Meriwether of Annapolis (Prot., nephew of Agent John Morton Jordan), com. by Baltimore; took office 26 Oct. 1768 (AM, XXXII, 409). Like George Lee (Surveyor, Western Shore) he owed his place to Jordan's influence and was dismissed when Jordan died (AM, XIV, 557).

5. William Hayward of Dorchester County (Prot.), com. 4 July 1772 and again 29 April 1773 (Commission Book No. 82, ff. 281, 310); died in March, 1774.

c. Rent Roll Keeper of the Eastern Shore.

1. Richard Bennett III of Queen Anne's County (Cath.), appears to have remained Rent Roll Keeper of the Eastern Shore from Tasker's appointment to the Western, 1733, until his own death, 11 Oct. 1749.

2. \*Col. Edward Tildeman of Queen Anne's County (Prot., third wife Cath.), appointed shortly before 9 May 1750 (AM, XLVI, 378; Md. Gazette, 16 May); dismissed for incompetence in October, 1756, whereupon he and all his family became "flaming patriots" (AM, VI, 206, 499; IX, 328, 179, 440). He was a