

Commissaries, a Clerk of the Provincial Court, who is a Ministerial Office under the deputy Secretary, A Register in the Prerogative or Commissary's Office, another in the Land office; and a Clerk in the Paper Currency Office, as the Value of all these Offices (except the Naval Offices) depends on the Price of Tobacco they are some years much more lucrative than in others; but Communibus Annis they may I suppose be thus Rated -

The Governor including all Prerequisites and fees as Chancellor £200. The deputy Secretary £300. The Commissary General £250. the Attorney General £50. two Treasurers together £80. Two Judges of the Land Office £300. Each Commission of the Paper Currency office £50. five Naval Officers from £50. to £150. each. Two Surveyors General £130. The County Clerkships from £80. to £200. each. The Sheriff Offices about the same Value as the Clerkships, but the Sheriffs Office cannot be held by any Person more than three years. Several of the deputy Surveyors offices are of very little value, some of them not £10. a year but three or four of them who live in Counties where there still remains a good Deal of Vacant Land may get from £50. to £150. and the Deputy Commissaries offices may be estimated from £10. to £20 each. & the Clerks of the upper & Lower Houses of Assembly, the Provincial Court, Prerogative or Commissary Office, Land Office, and Paper Currency office, get I believe from £50. to £130. Each.

10. The Legislature consists of Three Branches, viz: The Governor an upper house of Assembly of which there are twelve Members Nominated by the Lord Proprietary who commonly continue for life, & a Lower House composed of 50 Members chosen by the People to represent them, four for each County & Two for the City of Annapolis, the Courts are the high Court of Appeals & Errors consisting of the Governor & Council. The Court of Chancery, the Court of Admiralty, which scarcely ever sits, The Supreme Court of Law called the Provincial Court which is held twice every year at Annapolis, the Judges there being seven in Number are empowered by Commission under the great Seal to hear & determine concerning Pleas whether real Personal or mixed & all manner of Crimes Capital or not Capital; In Civil Actions where the matter in dispute exceeds the value of £50. Sterling Appeals are allowed to the Governor & Council. There are four County Courts or inferior Courts of common Pleas held every year in each County by the Justices of Peace, No Original Action exceeding the Value of £100. Sterling can be brought in these Courts but must be commenced in the Provincial Court as must all real and mixed (a)