

the first adventurers, he transported at least seventy-one servants between 1643 and 1651; he often returned to England over the next two decades. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: entrepreneur; actively engaged in the tobacco trade, Indian trade (licensed in 1637), and retail provisions trade; built the colony's first mill; a large investor in land. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Assembly, special writ 1637/38 (Laws), special writ 1638/39, special writ 1641/42 (Aggrievances), special writ 1642A (Laws, chairman), special writ 1642B (Laws); Lower House, St. Inigoe's Hundred, St. Mary's County, 1658. OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: commissioner of the colony, 1633–1637; Council, 1637–1642, 1657; deputy governor, 1638; justice, Provincial Court, sat 1658. MILITARY SERVICE: chief military officer in Maryland in the 1630s and 1640s; captain of an expedition against the Indians, 1643. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: champion of the Assembly having legislative initiative, 1637/38, and a frequent opponent of proprietary spokesmen in other early assemblies; an advocate of limits on the duration of laws, 1642; an outspoken opponent of proprietary efforts to limit the rights of the Catholic church, especially those of the Jesuits; he refused to take the oath as councilor, 1642; aided Richard Ingle's escape, 1643/44, "to declare his [Cornwaleys's] affection to the Parliament"; within a year he was called the "chiefe Agent for Settling Popish faction in Maryland" by Ingle and his associates; he was impeached for aiding Ingle, 1643/44; opposed the cultivation of tobacco. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 20 servants in 1659. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 6,000 acres by 1640; 11,200 acres by 1658; sold two manors, "Cornwaleys Crosse" and "St. Elizabeth's" in 1661. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on March 4, 1675/76; size of estate unknown.

COSDEN (COSTIN, COSTINE, COSTON), ALPHONSO (ca. 1696–1738). BORN: probably ca. 1696 in Calvert County. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Calvert County; Cecil County, by 1733. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Alphonso Cosden (ca. 1676–1696), of Calvert County, son of Thomas Cosden (1635–1683), who immigrated in 1668 to St. Mary's County. GUARDIAN: Christopher Bean. MARRIED Elizabeth, who subsequently married in 1739 Bartlet Smith. CHILDREN. Nine, including SONS: Alphonso (1720–1748), whose guardian was *Benjamin Pearce* (1711/12–1756); Easalin. DAUGHTER: Alifera, who married in 1743 Benjamin Terry. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIA-

TION: Anglican, North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., 1719. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Cecil County, 1738 (elected, but did not serve; died before the convention). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 370 acres in Cecil County (inherited at least 1,500 acres, and possibly as much as 2,540 acres, from his father and grandfather, all of which he sold by 1736). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: ca. May 1738 in Cecil County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £407.18.10 current money (including 4 slaves, 1 servant, books, and sea charts); FB, £257.9.3. LAND: 370 acres in Cecil County. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: income from his plantation was estimated to be 900 pounds of tobacco annually.

COULTER, JOHN (1751–1823). BORN: in 1751 in Ireland. IMMIGRATED: in 1772 from Ireland. RESIDED: in Baltimore Town. MARRIED on February 2, 1788, Mary (Polly) McCaskey. CHILDREN. SON: probably Henry S. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Presbyterian, member of the Second Presbyterian Church, Baltimore Town. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1787. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: physician, began practice in Baltimore Town, 1772. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore Town, 1788. OTHER STATE OFFICE: Constitution Ratification Convention, Baltimore Town, 1788. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Baltimore County, 1783–1787 (resigned); justice, Orphans' Court, Baltimore County, appointed 1785 (declined); special commissioner, Baltimore Town, in office 1793; trustee for Potter's Field (Baltimore Town cemetery for the poor), in office 1794. MILITARY SERVICE: surgeon, Maryland ship *Defence*, in office 1776; surgeon, Military Hospitals, Baltimore Town, in office 1776. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: Federalist candidate for the convention to ratify the federal Constitution, 1788; said to favor ratification of the Constitution prior to acceptance of amendments. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 4 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 3 lots in Baltimore Town, including 1 containing 100 acres and 1 lot leased out. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: active speculator in Baltimore City lots. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on May 24, 1823, in Baltimore City. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$9,654.69 current money (including 2 slaves); FB, \$766.13. LAND: at least 4 lots in Baltimore City.