

**Jenifer** (1723–1790)), Term of 1781–1786: 1781–1782 (president), 1782–1783 (president, but replaced in this capacity on December 24, 1782) 1783, 1784 (president, but replaced in this capacity on January 13, 1785, after requesting a leave of absence), 1785 (president, but replaced in this capacity on January 18, 1786, after requesting a leave of absence), Term of 1786–1791: 1786–1787 (president during the 1st session, but replaced in this capacity on January 8, 1787, after requesting a leave of absence; reelected president for the 2nd session, but replaced in this capacity on May 20, 1787, after requesting a leave of absence), 1787–1788 (president during the 1st session, but replaced as president on May 15, 1788, because of illness; reelected president on May 25, 1788), 1788 (president, but replaced in this capacity on December 16, 1788, after requesting a leave of absence), 1789 (did not attend), 1790 (president). OTHER PROVINCIAL/STATE OFFICES: naval officer of Patuxent, 1767–1777; Council, 1771–at least 1774 (qualified on September 23, 1771); commissioner for the construction of beacons on the shores of the Potomac River, appointed 1776; Councils of Safety, Western Shore, 3rd, 1776, 4th, 1776, 5th, 1776–1777; Constitution Ratification Convention, St. Mary's County, 1788 (president); governor, 1791–1792. LOCAL OFFICES: warden, All Faith Parish, St. Mary's County, 1757–1758, 1762–1763; justice, St. Mary's County, 1757–at least 1768 (quorum, 1764–at least 1768); St. Andrew's Parish Vestry, St. Mary's County, 1764–1767, 1768–1771, 1773–1776, 1779–1783, 1786–1788, 1789–1792; warden, St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County, 1767–1768, 1776–1777; justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, St. Mary's County, commissioned 1771 and 1772; commissioner to oversee construction of an almshouse, St. Mary's County, appointed 1773; Board of Trustees, Charlotte Hall School, appointed 1774; collector of gold and silver coin, St. Mary's County, appointed 1776. MILITARY SERVICE: colonel, by 1764. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: delegate, Continental Congress, 1777–1780 (elected in December 1777, but did not attend until 1778; reelected in November 1778 and December 1779); presidential elector, 1789. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 93 slaves, 1790. Received £1,000.0.0 currency from the estate of **Richard Lee** (ca. 1707–1787), which was the dowry promised to him when he married Lee's daughter, Hannah. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 14,000 acres in St. Mary's, Prince George's, Baltimore, Dorchester, and Frederick

counties, plus a house and lot in Annapolis and a house and lot in Benedict Town (all inherited from his father in 1755). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on February 10, 1792, at Annapolis, while holding the office of governor. Plater's funeral services were held in Annapolis; he was buried at "Sotterly." PERSONAL PROPERTY: no inventory survives, but his will mentioned legacies of £2,000.0.0 currency; property sold during the settlement of his estate was appraised at \$6,465.65. LAND: ca. 14,000 acres in St. Mary's, Montgomery, Caroline, Prince George's, and Queen Anne's counties, 1 lot in Nottingham, Prince George's County, and 3 lots in Carrollsburg, Prince George's County.

**PLOWDEN, EDMUND** (1751–1804). BORN: in 1751 in St. Mary's County. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in St. Mary's County; from ca. 1773 to 1804 Plowden's home was "Bushwood," in Lower St. Clement's Hundred, St. Mary's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Edmund Plowden (ca. 1696–1758), of All Faith Parish, St. Mary's County, son of George Plowden (ca. 1655–1718) and Margaret Brent. MOTHER: Henrietta (?–1796), daughter of Gerard Slye (1679–1733) and wife Mary Boarman Gardiner (?–1745). BROTHERS: George; Francis Jarrett (?–1788). SISTER: Margaret Brent, who married Henry Neale. MARRIED on December 5, 1779, Janet (Jane) (1759–1804), daughter of William Hammersly (?–1790) of "Bachelor's Hope," St. Mary's County. Her brothers were Francis, who married Elizabeth; Henry. Her sisters were Ann (?–1805), who married **John Digges** (?–1783); Mary, who married (first name unknown) Brooke; Elizabeth (Betsey), who married (first name unknown) Llewelyn; and Nelly, who married (first name unknown) Neal. CHILDREN. SONS: George, who died at 2 years of age; Edmund (?–1856); William Hammersly, who married Henrietta, daughter of Col. James Fenwick of St. Mary's County; Charles (baptized 1794–died at 5 years of age). DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth, who married in 1807 Lewis Ford, Esq. of St. Mary's County; Mary (1784–1827), who married in 1808 Judge John J. Jenkins (1786–1845) of Charles County; Janet (Jane), who died at 3 years of age; Margaret Brent, who died at 1 year of age; Ann Harriet, who died at 2 years of age; and Anna Cecelia, who married in 1826 General William Hickey, secretary of the U.S. Senate. WARD: appointed guardian of James Eden, son of Townshend Eden of St. Mary's County, 1801. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RE-