

U. H. J. among us will be made Agreeable by all the Returns which are due  
 Liber No. 36 to the most Engaging Affability and Complacency.  
 Nov. 20

The Justice we owe to a Character, really estimable, demands from us some Tribute to the Merit of our late Worthy Governor. Amidst the general approbation of his just, equitable, and prudent Administration, we cannot withhold our Eulogy. In Consequence of his Steady Adherence to the Duties of his Station, his firm Assertion of the Rights of the Lord Proprietary, and his Maintenance of the Privileges of the People, he deservedly gained their Applauses, whilst he faithfully Answered his Lordships Expectation, and justly  
 p. 413 entitled himself to his most distinguished Regard.

We entirely agree with your Excellency, that the real Interests of the Lord Proprietary and the People of this Province are inseparable, and, if any Evidence were wanting to confirm the Principle, the concurring Sentiments of His Lordship and the good People of this Province in favour of a Gentleman, who invariably made it the Plan of his Administration, would Amply Supply it

From the Short time your Excellency has been among us it cannot be expected that you can have framed such a Comprehensive Knowledge of the Circumstances of the Country as to be Able to recommend an adequate Provision of Laws, but the Intimation you have given of a more liberal Establishment for the Institution of Youth gives us the most lively impression of your Excellency's Regard to the Prosperity of the Province, and claims our warmest Acknowledgments, To this most interesting Object we shall pay all due Attention, as well as to every other useful Regulation, which may either occur to ourselves, or be proposed for our Concurrence.

Influenced by the Strongest Motives of Duty, from the Consideration of your Near Alliance to the Proprietor; and impressed with the Deepest Sense of your Excellency's Attention to the Prosperity of Maryland, You may be Assured, Sir; that we shall ever exert our most Zealous Endeavours to render your Administration agreeable to his Lordship, yourself, and the People of this Province.

November 20.<sup>th</sup> 1769

Charles Hammond

To which Address His Excellency was pleased to Communicate to this House the following Answer;

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly

Your Affectionate Address is a favourable Presage to me of a permanent Happiness in my Government. If my Endeavours to merit a Continuance of your Affections prove Successfull, I shall look upon the Honourable Trust, which, by his Lordships Favour, I now hold as the most Fortunate Circumstance in a Life entirely devoted to the Service of this Province.

Rob.<sup>t</sup> Eden