

# EDEN TO VISIT ANNAPOLIS TOMORROW



Paying a visit to Washington as part of his "informal" American trip, Capt. Anthony Eden (upper right) former British foreign secretary, stopped for a chat with Sumner Welles, (upper left) acting Secretary of State. A call at the White House and a jaunt to Mount Vernon were also on Eden's busy day's program. Tomorrow morning he will visit Annapolis.

Eden, shown at the left, had a chance to compare housing projects in New York city with those in his own country when he inspected the Williamsburg development. Here he visits a kindergarten in the development. England, like the United States, has launched an extensive housing program to eliminate slums.

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# ANCESTOR OF EDEN HELPED COLONISTS DOCUMENTS SHOW

Papers Are Unearthed In  
Maryland Hall Of Records  
By Robertson

Historians delving into Eden lore before the visit of Anthony Eden tomorrow discovered that the famous Maryland state house is another monument to Sir Robert Eden, great-great-grandfather of the British diplomatist.

Colonial records showed that Sir Robert, last colonial governor of Maryland, laid the foundation and cornerstone of the present statehouse in 1772. The Maryland statehouse is one of two in the United States which pre-date the revolution. The other is in Massachusetts.

Fine-yellowed proof that Sir Robert Eden, last colonial Governor of Maryland, was a man of peace even as his great-great-grandson, who will visit here tomorrow at 10:45 A. M., was unearthed today in the Maryland Hall of Records.

Dr. James A. Robertson, state archivist, seeking Eden documents of interest to Anthony Eden, British statesman who will visit his progenitor's grave in St. Anne's churchyard, uncovered faded documents that show Sir Robert was a friend of the liberty-seeking colonists before the revolution, and was by no means the irreconcilable Tory, some historians have indicated.

## Excused Colonists

Sir Robert, in a 1775 address to the Provisional Assembly, said he had excused excesses committed by the colonists in the name of liberty, "the noblest passion that can animate the human breast."

"Whilst I could think liberty alone, true, constitutional liberty, the object you sought, I denied not your claims. I did more, I plead in your behalf. Even when I thought them less defensible and your proceedings far from justifiable, I represented them in the most favourable view I thought they could bear. If I was then your friend, call me not your enemy now."

## Counseled Moderation

Sir Robert, in the course of his

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address, counseled a course of peace and moderation, urging that the differences between the colony and Britain be ironed out by negotiation. Dr. Robertson called attention to the striking parallel in the action of Sir Robert and Anthony Eden's own efforts to keep peace of Europe through negotiations within the framework of the League of Nations.

A letter from William Eden, Sir Robert's brother, during the troublous pre-revolutionary times, also survives in the Maryland archives. In it William Eden comes close to caiding his brother for his "predilection for America," and warns him that the colonists' course cannot succeed.

"You have rather a predilection for America. Let me repeat to your honour what I have always said, and what the cheerful disposition of the people of this country under all their disappointments confirms: We are too steady and too resolute to give way, and either you or we must give way. If we were less steady than we are, we would still be too much for you by the relative advantages we enjoy, and which we shall still enjoy despite the great expense to which you are putting us in great naval equipment and in more numerous armies than have ever been seen in America. It is a cursed business."

### Display Volume

One whole volume of yellowed documents covering the period of Eden's term of office as governor and his subsequent return to England when the revolt occurred will be taken to Hammond-Harwood house Thursday by Dr. Robertson when Anthony Eden arrives.

Among the 165-year-old papers is an inventory of the effects Gov. Eden left in his Maryland mansion when he returned to Britain. In-

cluded are: "1 polished steel stove, one common stove, two oil paintings by the celebrated Smith, one walnut desk-bedstead, four posters and similar household effects of the time."

Eden will be greeted at the Hammond-Harwood House.