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Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (attended by the Members of the Lower House) went to the Upper House; where his Excellency acquainted the Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, That the Lord Proprietary had transmitted by him, a Speech to both Houses of Assembly, which, by his Excellency's Directions, was read by the Clerk of the Council, and was as followeth, *viz.*

*F. Baltimore.*

*Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,*

**T**HE Care of this Province now descending to me, as Lord and Proprietary thereof, I think it will not be less agreeable to you, than satisfactory to myself, to assure you, that I shall always follow the good Examples of those my Ancestors, who first enterprized, established, promoted and improved the Province of *Maryland*: Their great and generous Motives, their constant Regard and Attention to your Interest and Prosperity, their Love and Diligence, and the Effects of it in the Increase of your Numbers, and the Extent of your Commerce, will ever animate and influence me to discharge my Duty to you, and my own Descendants, in such Manner, that the Posterity of both may not think less favourably of me, than of my Ancestors. And I trust it will be esteemed one Proof of my Care, that I have, with his Majesty's most gracious Approbation, named and constituted Mr. HORATIO SHARPE, to be my Lieutenant General and Governor in Chief of the Province of *Maryland*; a Gentleman whose Loyalty and Attachment to our happy Establishment, is certain, and from whose Integrity, Honour and Abilities, I have great Reason to expect all that the Importance of so great a Trust, which I have reposed in him, for the public Good and general Benefit of this Province, may require.

*Gentlemen of both Houses,*

With all Duty and Allegiance to my Sovereign, I shall always most sincerely desire to co operate and join with you, in preserving the Government, both in Church and State, as by Law established: And shall embrace every Occasion, wherein I may testify, the real Love and Esteem I have for you, which I hope will be sufficiently shewn by the Care I shall always take of the Laws, Liberties and Properties of my good Tenants of the Province of *Maryland*. I cannot entertain the least Doubt that I shall ever fail of all suitable Returns from you, whose Justice and Regard for me, will, I am persuaded, induce you to do all in your Power in support of my just Rights and Properties, as I shall always, on my Part, do in support of yours.

After which his Excellency made the following Speech :

*Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,*

**I**HAVE chosen this Opportunity of meeting you upon the last Prorogation, from an Opinion, That your Attendance here may be more suitable to your private Affairs at this, than at any other season.

I cannot but take Occasion, to congratulate you on the Lord Proprietary being arrived at an Age to take you under his more immediate Protection, and convince you, by his tender Care, that the affectionate Professions you have now heard from him, are the real Dictates of his generous Heart: And I must with Pleasure, acknowledge myself persuaded, from the short Acquaintance I have had amongst you, that you will not shew less Earnestness to maintain that Harmony, and mutual Good Will, on which alone the real Happiness and Prosperity of the Province can subsist.

Nothing can contribute so much to my own Happiness, as to see this Province flourish under my Administration; but as Mens different Conceptions, frequently, in Life, prevent their concurring in the Means to obtain the End they equally have in View, I will promise the less, and endeavour the more, that every Step I take, may conduce to the general Welfare.

As soon as his Lordship's Commission made *Maryland* an Object of my Attention, and his Commands pointed me out a Way of shewing my Zeal in it's Service, by procuring a Replacement of the Arms supplied from the Provincial Armory, for the *Canada* Expedition, I lost no Time in making Application, and with such Success, that their Arrival may be expected soon after the Orders already issued for that Purpose, can be complied with.

*Gentlemen,*

Although the Principle of Self Preservation, and that universal Desire to increase the Riches of one's Country, seem to make every Recommendation on those Points unnecessary to it's Representatives, yet as several Omissions