

Letter Bk. V stand in as favourable a light with the People in general as an American Governor can reasonably expect to do, & 'twould now make me unhappy to be forced into new Disputes with them especially into Disputes where I may be unable to acquit myself with honour; rather than find Myself in such a situation I would I say immediately become a private Gentleman, nor is there the least necessity for any Scheme to be concerted in order to remove me, & as you know my Sentiments you may if you please communicate them freely to My Lord himself." It happened I understand that before my Letter got to hand His Ldp had nominated Capt Eden to succeed Me in the Government, but it gives me great satisfaction to learn from my Brother Gregory that when he waited on My Lord after such Nomination His Ldp was pleased to explain himself in such a manner as shew'd no Disapprobation of my Conduct, declaring I had acted as a good Governor & that he was sorry any thing should part us. Pleased at having the same now confirmed to me under His Ldp's hand as well as by your Letter advising Me of Captain Eden's Appointment & happy in a Consciousness that I have during the Course of my Administration discharged my Duty to the utmost of my Abilities towards his Ldp & towards the People over whom I have had the honour to preside I flatter myself I shall not when I become a Private Person be the less respected or esteemed, & that I shall be as happy in cultivating my Garden after resigning to Captain Eden the Reins of Government as I have ever been since I came to America. Whenever he arrives I shall receive him with Cordiality as an Officer, a Man of Honour & the Brother of One to whom I am under great Obligations. I sincerely wish he may be as easy & happy in his Government as he can reasonably desire to be, that His Ldps Emoluments from the Province & his Tenants Affection for him may continually increase, & that Maryland might flourish more under my Successor's Administration than it has under mine or that of my Predecessors. I am with due Regard Sir y<sup>r</sup> mo. ob<sup>t</sup>

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Copy of a Letter to His Ldp dated Annapolis 31<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1768.

My Ld

I am now to acknowledge the Receipt of your Ldp's Letter bearing Date the 30<sup>th</sup> of July last which came to hand the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst with two from M<sup>r</sup> Hamersley dated the 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of that Month, also a Commission from your Ldp appointing M<sup>r</sup> Mathew Tilghman your Agent & Receiver General, Orders for me to call both him & his Son in Law M<sup>r</sup> Carroll to the