

ADDRESSES TO GOV. SHARPE ON HIS
RETIREMENT

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

The humble Address of the Clergy of the established Church.

May it please your Excellency,

Animated with a proper Sense of the Happiness we have enjoyed under your equitable and humane Administration, we beg Leave to take this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging those amiable Virtues, both in your public and private Character, which have Justly procured you the Esteem and Affection of all Ranks, and must forever endear the Name of Governor Sharpe to the Inhabitants of Maryland.

The great Veneration you have always expressed for the sacred Institutions of our holy Religion, your exemplary Attendance on the public Duties thereof, the Respect you have been pleased to shew its Ministers, and the Care you have taken to support their Rights, demand our most dutiful Acknowledgments.

Addresses to those in Power may be prompted by Hope or dictated by Fear; but when a free People from a Conviction of many years Experience of their chief Magistrate's distinguished Merit, voluntarily Join in testifying their Obligations to him by affectionate Addresses at a Time they know he is soon to relinquish his Administration, they discharge a Debt of Gratitude, by giving the most ample Testimony of their Esteem for his Person and Approbation of his Conduct.

Our best Wishes and Prayers shall ever attend you in your Retirement, where the Reflection of having done your Duty to our most gracious Sovereign, his Lordship, and the People over whom you have presided, must give you the most permanent Satisfaction. May the Almighty direct, protect and bless you in the various Changes and Chances of this Life, and finally reward your virtuous Labours with the Approbation of well done good and faithful Servant.