

Law, to himself particularly, and the Sollicitations of Relations have at Length prevailed, and forc'd him to take the Painful Resolution of Delegating the Succession to M^r Eden, for I am thoroughly satisfied, and he has Authorized me to say no other Successor would have ever been sent you by him, unless you had first desired it. M^r Eden is at present only under Nomination, neither Commissioned by his Lordship nor approved by the King, and does not intend leaving England till after the ensuing Christmas.

This Event will not I hope Interrupt Our future Correspondence, for tho' Commenced under particular Relations, I shall at all times and places and upon every Occasion be happy in approving my particular Regard and Esteem for Your Excellency. His Lordship has again directed me before I conclude to repeat his Satisfaction in every part of Your Administration, and to request that you will still Permit him to Salute you his Friend, when you are no longer his Lieu^t Governor.

I am with usual Friendship & Esteem
D^r Sir Your most Faithful Hble. Servant

To Hugh Hamersley
His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r

London July 30th 1768. p. 33

Sir.

The Purport of this Letter is to acquaint you that I have appointed my Brother in Law Robert Eden to succeed you as Lieutenant Governor of Maryland. I return Your Excellency my utmost thanks for your Extreme good Conduct during Your Administration, which nothing but Fraternal Affection could have made me wish to have altered.

I am with the greatest Esteem and Consideration
Your Excellency's sincere Friend and most Obed^t Servant
F: Baltimore

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r

At a Council held at the Governor's on Thursday the 1st day of December in the Eighteenth Year of his Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1768.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor

The Hon^{ble} { Daniel Dulany Esq^r Walter Dulany Esq^r
 { John Ridout Esq^r