

which their Conduct, in respect to America, has been Governed; and his Majesty relies upon Your Prudence and Fidelity for such an explanation of his Measures, as may tend to remove the Prejudices which have been excited by the Misrepresentations of those who are Enemies to the Peace and Prosperity of Great Britain and her Colonies; and to re-establish that mutual Confidence and Affection upon which the Glory and Safety of the British Empire depend.

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I am Sir
Your most Obed^t hble. Servant
Deputy Gov^r of Maryland. Hillsborough

His Majesty's most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament on Tuesday the Ninth day of May 1769.

My Lords and Gentlemen.

Having thought it necessary to give so early a Commencement to the present Session of Parliament, I am glad to find, that, by Your Zeal and Assiduity in the Dispatch of Publick Business, I am now enabled to relieve you from Your Attendance, before the Season of the Year is too far advanced.

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I cannot put an End to the Session without expressing My entire Approbation of Your Conduct, and thanking you for that Clear Demonstration which your Proceedings, through the whole Course of the Session, have afforded to all the World, of the Affectionate Attachment of my Parliament to My Person and Government, as well as of their Steady Adherence to the true Interest of their Country.

It was with much Satisfaction that I observed your particular Attention to those great National Objects, which, at the opening of the Session, I recommend to your more immediate Consideration. The Result of your Deliberations respecting the late Acquisitions in the East Indies has shewn, that you were not more attentive to the immediate Benefit arising therefrom, in point of Revenue, than to the securing at all Events, the permanent commercial Interests of this Country; and guarding against every possible Discouragement to Our own Manufactures, and to the Industry of my Subjects. What more remains to be done for securing the Possession of those valuable Acquisitions, you will, I doubt not, proceed to provide for with all convenient Dispatch at your next Meeting.

The Measures which I had taken regarding the late unhappy Disturbances in North America, have been already laid before you. They have received your Approbation; and you have assured me of your firm Support in the Prosecution of