

I warmly wish that a well founded Provision for a more liberal Institution of Youth may be Established here, yet, I do not undertake at this time to Recommend particular Objects to your Attention. The Observations I have made during the short Interval since my arrival not affording me Sufficient Grounds; and if that Interval had been much longer, your Experience would probably anticipate my Recommendations: But give me Leave to assure you, you may always rely upon my most cordial Concurrence in every Measure you may propose conducive to the Welfare and Happiness of the Province.

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Gentlemen of both Houses.

I am sensible I shall be judged of by my Actions and not by any Assurances I may now give you of my future Conduct: To that Test I most readily Submit; and shall be truly happy when I leave you, to be able like my Predecessor, to lay my hand on my Heart in Confidence of having acted solely on the Principles here laid down, and of having merited, by so doing, the Thanks of those over whom I have the Honour to preside.

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His Excellency is likewise pleased to lay before this Board the following Message from the Right honourable the Lord Proprietary, which he was directed to deliver to both Houses of Assembly, as also an Abridgement of the said Message, desiring their Advice and Opinion which of them he should Communicate.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.

F. Baltimore

At the same time I introduce your new Lieutenant Governor, permit me to take a becoming leave of his Predecessor. M^r Sharpe has justly entitled himself to my most grateful Acknowledgements, for his many Years faithful Service to me, and, I trust a constant attention to the true Interest of my Province, our Interests are indeed inseparable, and he will ill recommend himself to me, who does not make the Happiness of my Province his first Object.

M^r Eden is, I acknowledge, my Brother-in-Law and endeared to me by the nearest Ties of Affinity, Friendship, and Affection, but could I distrust his abilities or Inclination, to make you a happy People, he is the last Person to whom I would have Delegated my Authority. Receive him then as you find him, Credit us both 'till you have tried him, and if upon experiment, his Merits shall be found to outweigh his