

Lib. C. B. Failings, Excuse my Partiality and render him the Justice he  
No. 20 shall deserve: I ask no more nor will you return us less.

F. B.

The Approaching Completion of the Divisional Lines between my Province and Pensilvania will mark the Era of my Dominion nor do I wish to see a better Monument raised to your Proprietor's Memory than that event, by which, I hope perpetual Tranquility is Restored and secured to my Province, even though the Proprietor's private Interests should have suffered by it.

Gentlemen of the Lower House.

Your passing the Journal of Accounts has given me the greatest Satisfaction. Be assured I shall always be as Tenacious of your Right as my own nor can I receive a more agreeable Summons than to Meet you at the Foot of the Throne, to Submit our Reciprocal Claims. This Derniere resort I esteem the first Jewell in my Lesser Diadem as there can be no Oppression without redress, and if we Differ, Our Misapprehension will be those of Friends, alike open and Desirous of Conviction.

Gentlemen of both Houses.

Your Councils have flowed with and been regulated by so much Wisdom, Prudence, and Temper, that I have only to recommend it to you to persevere in the same laudable Steps you have so long trod. If any further Progress can be made in the Improvement or Addition procured to the Happiness of my Province do you prepare the Plan and my Encouragement shall not be wanting.

Above all I hope we shall ever continue to approve Ourselves the best of Subjects to the best of Kings; Your Conduct has Authorized me to Suggest this Salutary wish and Advice  
p. 85 which though to some Provinces might sound like a reproof, does Justice only to the Moderation Wisdom and Loyalty of Maryland.

Altona February 28<sup>th</sup> 1769.

F. B.

Whereupon Consideration of the foregoing Message and the Abridgement of the same It is the Humble Advice and Opinion of this Board that his Excellency Communicate the latter.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1769

Ordered by his Excellency that the present General Assembly of this Province which was appointed to have been held at the City of Annapolis this day be Prorogued until Wednes-