

may the funds that are directed for the maintenance of Schools L. H. J. are of so inconsiderable a Value that unless you think Proper to make better Provision to that Pious and usefull End, even the School of Annapolis which begins to encrease and flourish must for want of due Support be laid aside.

The Province is now in the most happy Condition that ever it was since the first Settlement. I bless God I live to see the Happy Change in Your Affairs. since then Providence has been so Indulgent to you and put the means into Yo<sup>r</sup> hands Exert yourselves to advance the Hon<sup>r</sup> & Intrest of Your Country for the Particular good of your Children who were they Sensible of the irretrivable Loss they will Sustain in the want of a Liberall Education in their Youth, They would joyn their Tears to my Intreaties.

By the Lords Prop<sup>ty</sup> & Guilford's Comānds I laid before the last Sessions of Assembly his L<sup>pps</sup> Right to the Ordinary Lycences and at your request it was left to the Consideracōn of this Session I have again received Instructions to the like Purpose and shall Communicate them to You And hope they will meet with no Difficulty Considering the just Claim of my Lord Proprietary & the urgent Necessity of a regulation in the Ordinarys.

Gentlemen. As my Lords Proprietary and Guilford have most Obligingly Complied w<sup>th</sup> whatever you thought Proper to request of their Lordships, And as their L<sup>pps</sup> have given you all Assurance of Maintaining your Laws and Preserving to you your rights and Priviledges, It will lye then upon you to make such gratefull returns as may give his L<sup>pp</sup> the strongest proofs of your dutifull Affections which in Effect is all th<sup>t</sup> is expected from you. A remarkable Instance what Felicity you do and may enjoy under the Noble Family of Baltemore.

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And his Excy was pleased to deliver M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Answer from the Lords Baltemore and Guilford to the Address of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly in July 1716 which was Ordered to be entered as follows Viz:

The Answer of the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Francis Lord Guilford Guardian to the right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Lord Baltemore Absolute Lord and Prop<sup>ty</sup> of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon for and on his behalf To the Address of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of the Province of Maryland.

Gentlemen.

I thank you in behalf of my Lord Proprietor for your dutifull Address and in a most Particular manner commend the