

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.

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 54  
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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 Honor to preside.

The Governor delivered M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Message  
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.<sup>r</sup> Sharpe has justly intitled 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 Interest are indeed, inseperable, and he will ill recommend himself to me, who does not make the Happiness of my Province his first Object.

M.<sup>r</sup> 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 'til you have tried him, and if upon experiment his Merits shall be found to outweigh his Failings, excuse my Partiality and render him the Justice he shall deserve: I ask no more nor will you return us less.

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.

F. B.

M.<sup>r</sup> Edward Tilghman, a Delegate returned for Queen Anns County, appeared in the House.

Ordered, That M.<sup>r</sup> Hollyday and M.<sup>r</sup> Wright do go with M.<sup>r</sup> Tilghman to the Upper House, to see him qualified. They return and acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech and Lord Baltimore's Message be read the First Time.