

[BOX 3/1] *News of Balls and other events in Brussels*
LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN (Brussels) to SIR ROBERT EDEN JAN 1784
Description of Court Balls: "elegant and without formality".
Appearance of the Archduchess and Prince; "Country dances.. Cottill-
ons.. a Peregodeon." Description of suppers, officers, costumes,
amusements. "Kitty was much pleased and well entertained." "The
Emperor will not have a Nuntio from the Pope therefore the present
Nuntio is going home to be made a Cardinal." She is assured that she
has chosen "the best, pleasantest and cheapest town in this part of
the world." She is annoyed that he does not receive all her frequent
letters. They are comfortable in Brussels. "Now I know the *worst* I
am ten times more tranquil than I used to be." She hopes soon for
French money and to sell pictures and furniture. The house is let for
£90. His London furniture is useful in Brussels. A cold winter. Plans
for his return. Kitty is a clever pupil. She loves the Balls: "the
little pages just suit her, they are all Barons or Viscomts. News of
other English residents and visitors.

[BOX 3/1] *Lady (Caroline) Eden: family and general news*
LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN (London) to SIR ROBERT EDEN 16 JUL 1783
Captain [Eden?] married and Morton Eden soon to marry Lady Betty Henley. She has not sold house or pictures or got French money. She eats with FE's sister or at home "on a bit of meat with Lambeth Garden stuff". London is emptying rapidly. "I want to get Billy and Kitty to school as I cannot improve them here. "W[illiam] and the Bishop" think Billy "uncommonly backward in knowledge". She thinks S[mith] a good friend of FE. "I much fear the Capt. will have a world of troubles and vexations when the delirium is gone off, so young lively a lass cannot conform to his narrow circumstance or odd way of life." She would not have chosen Lady Betty for Morton. She hopes Lt. Clarges will visit B[russels] in autumn. Other news of family and friends. "Your mother and I have often some melancholy chat on the subject of your frailties and God knows she dont know of half of them.."

[BOX 3/1] *Family and financial news*
LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN (London) to SIR ROBERT EDEN 20 JUL 1783
The Doctor was surprised FE had gone to Maryland. "I am glad Mr. H[arford] is likely to be successful that we may have our share." She longs for his return with all affairs settled, so they can "rest content without Castle building". She has paid H. and can last until September "when Sr J[ohn] is to pay £75 into Drummon's hands." Her French money would help to clear more debts. She proposes going to Margate for a week "to rally my forces, take a few dips". She has not sold her house. A dinner at Wimbledon with FE's brother, Bishop and Mrs. Moore. "The Capt. seems quite enamoured of the Bright Eyes, she certainly is a fine woman yet I think I wish the Captain had never seen her, she is so young and unfit to be his wife." She warns him against "the Infallible.. you know His character so well and his imprudence.." She thinks she offended him. She values "Billy's likeness.. you have not a more attached friend in the World." He will do well in Maryland. They and his mother leave tomorrow. "The A[rch]B[ishop].. has as good as given me an *unlimited* Letter of Credit.." [A list of her outgoings and resources].

[BOX 3/1] *News from Margate*
LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN (Margate) to SIR ROBERT EDEN 4 AUG 1783
They sail tomorrow. Her legs have been "bit with Knats". A curious love affair between Mrs. B. and J.H.: "She is not very tempting, he has now a sad attack of a kind of asthma, and says she makes him sick .." She makes Frederick and William read French to Mr. B.

[BOX 2/3] *Lady (Caroline) Eden at Brussels*
LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN to SIR ROBERT EDEN 2 SEP [1783?]
Longs to know his news and plans. Money tight, 3 children to support. Frederick at Oxford, William with her, Kitty at Convent (School). "We have not taken a Coach, or a Box at the Play House." She expects to stay several years, not return to England before his affairs are settled. He would not find Brussels like London. They dine mostly at home. "We design trying the Frogs in a Brown fricacc as they are said to be delicious." "Frederick you know is all goodness": good company at home. Quality of food and drink. French master taught Archbishop and Ld. Robert Spencer 20 years ago.

[BOX 3/2] *Crowther: complaint of domestic loss and damage*
CROWTHER (Langley) to SIR ROBERT EDEN 12 NOV 1782

List of domestic losses and damage by Sir Robert Eden's servants. Including "My Brewing Tubbs are very much damagd by being left for a long time in the Water which the young Gentleman and the Black Boy made use of for Boats." "Sir Rob. was to leave the Garden cropt for the Winter by the Agreement which is not done." "Mr. Crowther is very sorry to trouble Sir Robt. Eden with this which he should not have done had he not found great Occation."

[BOX 3/2] *J. Boucher: action on American compensation*

J. BOUCHER (Paddington) to SIR ROBERT EDEN 16 JUL 1783

Sends letter with Lieut. Townsend via New York. Does not know exactly why the Commercial Treaty is not signed. Americans "really have got into such a Stile of Behaviour, both as Individuals and a Publick, that they consider themselves as entitled to every Advantage which the utmost selfishness can wish for.." Boucher's confiscated property is liable for payment of debts, including £100 to Eden, borrowed in 1774. Authorises Eden to claim it; asks him to certify a list of his Maryland property, drawn up by his Maryland attorney, Overton Carr. Carr is to sell Boucher's recovered "back lands": Eden, Clapham and Smith can deal with problems. French action was "not to raise them, but to lower us". "I leave it to Lady Eden herself to give you the history of her difficulties and distresses.." He hopes "soon to hear that you have been notable and lucky in the disposal of your Trans-Atlantic Property.." He has not seen Captain Thomas Eden since his marriage: his wife is "very handsome and clever ..." Frederick was involved in "a little Rebellion" at [Eton] but "rather gained, than lost credit by his conduct on the Occasion.."

[BOX 3/1] *Lady Eden's desperate financial position*

LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN (London) to SIR ROBERT EDEN 13 JUL [1783?]

She has not yet "sold the pictures, lett or sold the House, or got any thing from F. or from France" but must leave London soon. Her "daily persecution": a tailor's bill for £20, which she was able to pay. She wishes FE had told her. Dreads future bills. "How can I at all depend on your prudence, who have led us all to the *very brink*, and yet till the last moment did not seem to feel the necessity of a change of conduct.." He must accept the lack of money: "we are both too far advanced in life to form new schem.." She will not return to London until he has cleared his debts, and expects to be fully informed and consulted. "Do you think it possible for you to give up all but *quiet* harmless amusements? and not *find fault* with an *humble dwelling* an *humble fare* and a little Society? without noise and dissipation.." She has wanted to be his "*sole friend* and companion" but they have had little domestic comfort "except our 3 years at Ashstead and even there we had sometimes parties that discomposed my repose." Vexations have made her unpleasant to those around her. She hopes to live cheaply in B[russels]. Sir John [Eden] should pay FE's rent etc. to Drummond's for her use. She means to pay the AB [Archbishop?] "what I must now borrow." Mrs. F. Madlain of Durham is her whole household. Bartel may be able to sell pictures next winter: he is helping her about her journey. FE left in drawers in the house "a Bottle with strange directions.. a *Hazzard Card account*.. and all the Bills and receipts in confusion. I distroyd what I was ashamed Eddis or any one s[houl]d find and gave a sigh at the thoughts how much the wicked world coud corrupt a good head and heart, but I hope repentance is come not too late." Other debts, loans, arrangements.

LETTERS TO SIR ROBERT EDEN

[BOX 2/3] *Shipping trade*

CHRISTOPHER COURT to SIR ROBERT EDEN 25 01 1774

Shipping news: *Annapolis* will be sent out quickly.

[BOX 2/3] *Maryland tobacco trade*

CHRISTOPHER COURT to SIR ROBERT EDEN 24 02 1774

He loaded goods for Potomac on Capt. Bouchier's ship at Gravesend. Tobacco revenues will not pay for all of it. Much of Maryland load unsold, but thinks it will be sold before *Annapolis* load arrives. French will want a good supply. Scots will petition against Maryland Bill for issue of £130,000 paper money. Court et al. will oppose them. Other shipping news. *Morning Star Dempster* wrecked off Isle of Wight.

[BOX 2/3] *Maryland tobacco trade*

CHRISTOPHER COURT to SIR ROBERT EDEN 24 02 1774

[COPY OF PREVIOUS] WITH p.s. 2 MAR 1774. Shipping news - no account of *Annapolis*' progress. Hopes to hear, when February New York packet arrives. The *Industry* wrecked off Sheppy.

[BOX 3/1] *Lady (Caroline) Eden: domestic news*

LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN to SIR ROBERT EDEN 23 MAR 1775

"I am very sick of living alone.. nor do I see the necessity of your punishing yourself by staying any longer in Maryland where you cannot mend your fortune and may hurt your health." Engagements: "a rout at Mrs. Heron's.. going today to dine at Shrines. An Italian singing party, Rozzene the first Opera singer of the party.." "No end I think of this American business". She wants him to write to Lord N[orth?], a letter which may be shown to the K[ing], showing reasons for wanting a post at home "or any other part of the World America excepted.."

[BOX 3/1] *Lady (Caroline) Eden: domestic news*

LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN to SIR ROBERT EDEN 6 APR [1775?]

She awaits the March packet anxiously. She would not agree to a long separation again "to encrease our fortune ever so much". Three years apart. Her winnings at "half guinea whist" - Sir Edward Dering lost 1500 guineas at one throw, and 8000 in an evening, but has won it back. "Sr. John [Eden] as yet keeps clear of this rock, his money will go fast enough without, with the assistance of his Lady.." CE does not favour taking a house in the North "except we can get a house and land for nothing." Impossible not to spend money quickly in London. She hopes that their law affairs will be settled next month. Theft of Mr. Crayle's money and jewels from an "iron closet" by a footman. "Mrs. Crayle is gone to bed sick with vexation." CE and Kitty returned from "the Col.'s - Mr & Mrs Medows of the party.. I like her better than Mrs Fleming." "I send you the Morning Post that you may read all the lies and scandal and what they say here of you Americans."

[BOX 2/5] *Sir Robert Eden: medical advice*

to SIR ROBERT EDEN n.d.

'Directions for Governor Eden.' Medical advice for recognising and dealing with "an intermitting fever."

[BOX 3/3] *Petition to General Assembly of Maryland*

ROBERT SMITH 1785

"The petition and memorial of Robert Smith of the City of Annapolis, on behalf of the representatives of the late Sir Robert Eden.." He left Maryland at Convention's request, assured that his property would be secure. Sequestration was unjustified. He rented the property to the next Governor until forced to depart in 1780.

[BOX 3/3] *Paper to Commission for examining into American claims*

THOMAS EDEN (brother, executor) [1785]

1776, Sir Robert Eden left his valuable house in Annapolis, and possessions in Maryland, in hands of his his secretary, Robert Smith. Three years later, province confiscated them: house is Governor's residence. Value of his property, and pension of £500 per annum. His abortive mission in 1783 to gain compensation, and death.

[BOX 2/5] *Payment of Sir Robert Eden's bond*

JONATHAN DAVISON to LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN 15 JUL 1785

Satisfied she can draw enough money from Funds to settle Browning's bond. She should not hesitate: it would be to her credit. Her husband died, leaving him to pay the bond. If she does not pay it, "I must conclude you have no intention of doing credit to your husband's memory."

[BOX 2/8] *Lady Eden's cash book 1785-6*

LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN

Lady Eden's cash book 14 FEB 1785 - DEC 1786.

[BOX 2/1] *FME: family finances*

SIR FREDERICK EDEN to LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN 07 11 1797

Glad she has arrived in Bath. FME "drawn for the militia": will cost 6 or 8 guineas. Statement of what remained to her in debenture money in Reduced Annuities. Amounts paid for William Eden's lieutenantcy, FME's Chambers, marriage, mother's Bath house, William's majority. "Our business is going on in Doctor's Commons"- he disagrees with executors. Smyth's papers show he had not cancelled two bonds of FME's, merely considered them annulled.

[BOX 2/4] *Lady (Caroline) Eden's income*

LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN n.d.

Statement of Lady Eden's income, and disposal of it for her children. Sir Frederick Eden's property; Major Eden's; Mrs. Holland's.

[BOX 3/3] *Lady (Caroline) Eden's income*

SIR FREDERICK EDEN and others n.d.

5 papers on Lady Eden's property and income.

[BOX 3/3] *Lady Eden's will*

LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN n.d.

Alterations to be made to Lady Eden's will.

[BOX 2/5] *Bond for annuity for Lady (Caroline) Eden*
SIR ROBERT EDEN to FRANCIS BEAUCHAMP 18 12 1782
[LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN]

Copy bond to Francis Beauchamp, vintner, for purchase of Annuity of £70 payable during life of Caroline Eden.

Bond for £800

WITH Copy assignment: sixth share of fees of Custos Brevium of Court of Common Pleas to Francis Beauchamp for term of Caroline Eden's life.

[BOX 2/3] *Clapham: deposition about false Maryland patents*
JOHN CLAPHAM 25 03 1784

Deposition about false registration of patents after Sir Robert Eden left office. Deposed: Sir R. had felt obliged to complete patents.

[BOX 2/5] *Sir Robert Eden: probate of will*
04 06 1783

Probate of will of Sir Robert Eden.

[BOX 3/2] *Sir Robert Eden: letter from Mount Washington*
SIR ROBERT EDEN to "MY GOOD FRIENDS" [CLAPHAM & HARFORD?]
16 JUN 1784

Visiting Mr. Calvert. Other travel plans. He expects to be little in Annapolis during summer "for I think the treatment of a certain person to me has been for a long time so ungentle and disrespectful that nothing but the advice of you two should keep me in the same house." Examples of his insolence. Hopes to arrange matters when the Assembly meets, and go home at Christmas. His time has "never been so agreeably spent since I last came into America" as it is now.

[BOX 3/2] *Sir Robert Eden: letter from Sotterley*
SIR ROBERT EDEN to JOHN CLAPHAM 12 JUL 1784

He writes "so that Mr. Harford and you may see that I am not *dead* yet." He has been tenderly nursed by "the Colonel's whole family". Asks for a turtle, fruits, "a gallon of William's Rum", "French Brandy", and a quantity of dollars to be sent.

[BOX 2/5] *Sale of Sir Rob: Eden's house [printed notice]*
SIR ROBERT EDEN

Printed notice: In Chancery: house in Clarges Street, parish of St. George Hanover Square. Leasehold.
1787 [2 copies]

[BOX 2/4] *Lord Baltimore rape trial [law report]*

LORD BALTIMORE 26 03 1768

The trial of Frederick Calvert.. Baron of Baltimore.. for a rape on the body of Sarah Woodcock.. Kingston Assizes, 26 MARCH 1768. Taken in shorthand by Joseph Gurney. [Lord Baltimore found not guilty].

[BOX 2/3] *Lord Baltimore's Maryland heirs [legal opinion]*

AL. FORRESTER 23 12 1771

Lord Baltimore could not devise Maryland by will. Mrs. Browning and Mrs. Eden as coheiresses have right to province. Governor Eden should prevent any possession being taken under the will.

[BOX 2/3] *Lord Baltimore's Maryland heirs [legal opinion]*

JOHN GLYNN to MR. BROWNING 23 12 1771

Advice to Browning about Lord Baltimore's will.

[BOX 3/2] *Lord Baltimore's Maryland heirs [legal opinion]*

[SERGEANT] JOHN GLYNN to MR. BROWNING 8 JAN 1772

Advice to Browning about Lord Baltimore's will [copy of above?]

[BOX 2/3] *Lord Baltimore's Maryland heirs [legal opinion]*

J. DUNNING 24 03 1773

Legal opinion on whether tonnage and port duties of 1661 Act were devised by will of Frederick, Lord Baltimore to his natural children, or to his heirs, sisters Mrs. Eden & Mrs. Dunning.

[BOX 2/3] *Maryland naval officer's bond*

JOHN LEEDS to SIR ROBERT EDEN 01 05 1773

[also GEORGE STEUART, JAMES DICKINSON]

Bond to Governor Eden: £1000, for satisfactory performance of duties. Leeds commissioned Naval Officer of Port of Potomac.

[BOX 3/2] *Sir R.E.: receipt for Baltimore estate*

SIR ROBERT EDEN to JOHN CLAPHAM 27 SEP 1773

Sir Robert Eden's receipt for £450 "at different times.. on Account of Lord Baltimore's estate".

[BOX 2/4] *List of Lady Baltimore's assets*

LADY BALTIMORE

List of assets of the late Lady Baltimore.

[BOX 2/5] *Sir Robert Eden: account with Eden & Court*

Sir Robert Eden's account with Thomas Eden and Christopher Court, 1776-1784.

[BOX 2/4] *Maryland Act 1781*

HENRY HARFORD

[FREDERICK, LORD BALTIMORE]

Act for confirming.. agreement between the Devisee and Heirs at Law of Frederick Lord Baltimore.. respecting the Province of Maryland in America.. and for vesting the said Province in Henry Harford.
1781

LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN: LETTERS AND PAPERS

[BOX 2/6] *News from Sarah Lemon about Eleanor Eden*
SARAH LEMON (Bath) to MRS.(CAROLINE) EDEN (New York)
Letters: 5 OCT 1778; 2 NOV 1778; NOV 1778; [1778]
News of her daughter [Eleanor, born 1777]. She calls Lady Elliot
"Mama" instead of "Grandmama". Glad to have news of Mrs. Eden's new
daughter in America.

[BOX 3/3] *Rough copy of an address Sir Robt. Eden intended to lay
before the public*

SIR ROBERT EDEN Annapolis 1 MAR 1784
"A late well meant transaction of mine having been by Report most
egregiously misrepresented.." with "cruel aspersions, and atrocious
falsehoods": he states the circumstances. Clapham and the patents left
for Eden's signing when he was Governor. They were left unsigned, and
Smith put them away in a trunk. When found, he considered he should
complete people's title to grants of land for which they had paid the
Proprietary, and signed them all. He did not know any of the owners of
the patents. Out of respect he should have consulted the Governor and
Council.

[BOX 3/3] *Death of Sir Robert Eden)*
J. SHUTTLEWORTH (Annapolis) to LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN 6 OCT 1784
Condolences. Since Eden's arrival "he has been but scurvily treated by
Harford and his crew". Eden's last hours. Shuttleworth advised him to
appoint Harford as his attorney: he had not behaved as badly as Col.
Smith, and had money. An advertisement says application will be made
to next Assembly for compensation for Eden's property. Shuttleworth
thinks it a bad time, and will contradict the statement until he hears
from Lady Eden. Harford has got nothing for all his expense. People
dislike him.

[BOX 2/3] *Sir Robert Eden's confiscated property*
J. SHUTTLEWORTH (Annapolis) to LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN 4 DEC 1784
Sorry his information about Sir Robert's treatment was badly received.
He resented ill usage of Sir Robert. No replies from Lady Eden: did
she receive his letters? Advice about how to proceed before House of
Delegates to regain Sir Robert's American property. If it can be
shown, it was intended for Miss Eden, it must be returned to her.
Harford's claim was referred by House of Delegates to a committee of
both houses. He will probably get very little. Shuttleworth not
hopeful about his petition for restoration of confiscated property.

[BOX 2/3] *Eden & Harford: compensation from Maryland?*
J. SHUTTLEWORTH (Annapolis) to LADY (CAROLINE) EDEN* 22 DEC 1784
Assembly rejected Harford's petition, compensation for confiscated
property. His hopes dashed. A conceited man. He came to suspect,
Shuttleworth was neglecting his business, came to Maryland and
dismissed Shuttleworth. Their agreement, a memorandum, would "bind any
man of honor". Clapham got Sir Robert Eden in trouble with Maryland
government by forging Eden's patents after Eden had resigned as
governor. Callaghan, Registrar, found them false, reported Clapham to
Council. Eden was summoned for assuming Governor's powers. Plan to
seek compensation from Assembly for Eden's property, dropped.
[*C/o Messrs. Eden & Courts, New Court, Crutched Friars, London.]