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The Lord Proprietary to the Rev. Mr. Thomas  
Bacon in Maryland, in answer to the Letter  
his Lordship received, on his succeeding to the  
Proprietary & Expressing his Lordship's Regard  
for the Clergy & his Tenants in Maryland.

Brussels July A. S. 20. 1752.

Good Sir.

The respectful Letter you was pleased to  
write on my succeeding to the Province of Maryland,  
came to me on my Travels abroad, and I chuse to  
send you this Acknowledgement before my Return.

Your gratitude to my Father & Your Assurances  
to me are most agreeable.

I am pleased to think you deliver the sentiment  
of all the Clergy, & as I am assured of your Prayers,  
I will endeavour to deserve them of all the Inhabitants,  
by neglecting no opportunity to serve them.

My own sense of the natural as well as Religious  
Advantages of Piety and morals to my Country, obliges  
me to wish the Inhabitants may always serve God and  
Respect his Ministers as well as be respected by them,  
and this will, I persuade my self, be the surest way  
to procure Blessings to us all.

By this I hope to shew the Reverend the Clergy and all  
my Tenants, how sincerely I regard their Prayers and their  
Prosperity.  
I am, obliged to you, for this opportunity given me of  
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