

The Lord Proprietary's speech to Both Houses
of Assembly of the Province of Maryland in America.
Dated at London the seventeenth Day of March in
the second Year of His Lordship's Dominion over the
said Province, and in the Year of our Lord 1753.

Baltimore

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses
of Assembly.

The care of this Province now descending
to me as Lord and Proprietary thereof, I think it will
not be less agreeable to you than satisfactory to my
self to assure you that I shall always follow the
good Examples of those My Ancestors who first enter-
prized, established, promoted and improved the Province
of Maryland. Their great and generous motives, their
constant regard and attention to your Interest and Prospe-
rity, their Love and diligence and the effects of it in the
increase of your numbers and the extent of your com-
merce, will ever animate and influence me to discharge
my Duty to you and my own descendants in such manner that
the Posterity of both may not think less favourably of me
than of my Ancestors. And I trust it will be esteem'd one
Proof of my care, that I have with His Majesty's most gracious
approbation, named, and constituted Mr. Horatio Sharpe to be my
Lieutenant General and Governor in chief of the Province of
Maryland: A Gentleman whose Loyalty and Attachment to
our happy Establishment is certain, and from whose Integrity,
Honour, and Abilities I have great reason to expect all, that
the Importance of so great a Trust, which I have reposed in
him