

be truly happy when I have 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 Honour to preside. —

His Excellency is likewise pleased to lay before this Board the following Message from the Right honourable the Lord Proprietary, which he was directed to deliver to both Houses of Assembly, as also an Abridgement of the said Message, desiring their Advice and Opinion which of them he should communicate. —

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly  
A. Baltimore.

At the same time I introduce your new Lieutenant Governor, permit me to take a becoming leave of his Predecessor. — Mr. Sharpe has justly entitled 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 inseparable, and he will do recommends himself to me, who does not make the Happiness of my Province his first Object. — Mr. 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 until you have tryed 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. —

The Approaching Completion of the Divisional Lines between my Province and Pennsylvania will mark the Area of my Dominion nor do I wish to see a better Monument raised to your Proprietors Memory than that event, by which, I hope perpetual Tranquility is Restored and secured to my Province, even though the Proprietors private Interests should have suffered by it. —

Gentlemen of the Lower House.

Your passing the Journals of Accounts has given me the greatest Satisfaction. Be assured I shall always be as Tenacious of your Right as my own nor can I receive a more agreeable Summons than to Meet you at the Foot of the Throne, to submit our Reciprocal Claims. — This Derniere resort I esteem the first Jewel in my Scepter Diadem as there can be no Oppression without redress, and if we Differ, Our Misapprehension will be those of Friends, alike open and Desirous of Conviction. —

Gentlemen of both Houses.

Your Councils have flourished with and been regulated by so much Wisdom, Prudence, and Temper, that I have only to recommend it to you to persevere in the same laudable Steps you have so long trod. — 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. —

Above all I hope we shall ever continue to approve ourselves the best of Subjects to the best of Kings; Your Conduct has Authorized me to suggest this Salutary wish  
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