

*Benedict Calvert*, and *Daniel Dulany*, Esqrs. from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker this, his Excellency the Governor requires the Attendance of the Members of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and, attended by the Members of the Lower House, went to the Upper House, where his Excellency made the following Speech :

“ GENTLEMEN of the Upper and Lower Houses of ASSEMBLY,

“ FROM my Desire of accommodating the public Business to your private Affairs, I have delayed calling you together, nor should I, did not the Exigencies of Government make it necessary, now meet you, merely to notify the Lord Proprietary's Appointment of me to succeed Colonel *Sharpe* as Governor of this Province; to merit which Honour, and the Trust thus reposed in me, I shall ever consider it to be my indispensable Duty to promote, on all Occasions, the Prosperity of *Maryland*.

“ GENTLEMEN of the Lower House,

“ Convinced, as I am, that the real Interests of the Lord Proprietary, and the People of this Province are inseparable, I meet this Assembly with the most agreeable Prospect. From your Attachment to the Welfare of your Country; from your Knowledge of its Circumstances; and from your Moderation and Prudence, I derive the most persuasive and pleasing Expectation, that this Session will be distinguished by the Benefits which a dispassionate and amicable Intercourse cannot fail to produce, by the Propriety of your Proceedings, and by the Utility of those Laws which shall be enacted.

“ His Lordship has been pleased to assure you, in the Message I am now to have the Honour of delivering to you, that if you will prepare the Plan for the further Improvement of the Province, his Encouragement shall not be wanting. Though I warmly wish that a well founded Provision for a more liberal Institution of Youth may be established here, yet, I do not undertake at this Time to recommend particular Objects to your Attention. The Observations I have made during the short Interval since my Arrival not affording me sufficient Grounds; and, if that Interval had been much longer, your 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.

“ 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 Honour to preside.”

The Governor delivered to Mr. Speaker the following Message.

GENTLEMEN of the Upper and Lower Houses of ASSEMBLY,

F. B A L T I M O R E.

“ 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 Acknowledgments, 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 ill recommend 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 '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.”

Mr. *Edward Tilghman*, a Delegate returned for *Queen Anne's County*, appeared in the House.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Hollyday* and Mr. *Wright*, do go with Mr. *Tilghman*, to the Upper House, to see him qualified. They return, and acquaint Mr. 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.

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