

Whitherso I must refer you to the Papers from the
Post-Office, and remains very affectionately yours.

Wm. Eden

(The following is the copy of a Letter from his Excellency
Genl. Eden Esq^r to (Ch^r Church, J. Hall & W. Pava Esq^{rs}).

Gentlemen,

Annapolis 17th April 1776

However unwelcome might be your
Errand, your polite Behaviour to me Yesterday merits my
Acknowledgements, and on mature Considerations of
the Proposal you made to me, I find it incumbent
on me to tell you that I will not accede to it,
nor can I, whilst I act, in any Degree, as Governour
of this Province, give my Parole to walk about in
it a Prisoner at large, under any Obligation
whatsoever; the Necessity must be obvious of my
ceasing to act as Governour, should I become a Prisoner;
neither will I voluntarily give you any Satisfaction
on that Head, further than ^{that} I have and have
no Intention, during these Times, of leaving

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