

U. H. J. all that the Importance of so Great a Trust which I have Reposed
 Liber No. 34 in him for the Publick Good and General benefit of this Province
 October 2 may require

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With all Duty and Allegiance to my Sovereign I shall always most Sincerely desire to Co Operate and joyn with you in Preserving the Government both in Church and State as by Law established and shall embrace every Occasion wherein I may testify the real Love and Esteem I have for you, which I hope will be Sufficiently shewn by the Care I shall always take of the Laws Libertys and Propertys of my Good Tenants of the Province of Maryland, I cannot entertain the least Doubt that I shall ever fail of all Suitable returns from you whose justice and Regard for me, will I am persuaded induce you to do all in Your Power in Support of all my just rights and Propertys as I shall always on my Part do in Support of yours.

After which his Excellency is Pleased to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly

I have Chosen this Opportunity of Meeting you upon the last Prorogation from an Opinion, that your Attendance here may be more Suitable at this than any other Season

I cannot but take occasion to congratulate you on the Lord Proprietary being arived at an Age to take you under his more immediate Protection, and Convince you by his tender Care that the Affectionate Profession you have now heard from him are the real Dictates of his generous heart and I must with Pleasure acknowledge myself persuaded from the Short acquaintance I have had amongst you, that you will not Shew less Earnestness to Maintain that Harmony and Mutual Good will on which alone the real Happiness & Prosperity of the Province can Subsist

Nothing can Contribute so much to my own Happiness as to See this Province flourish under my administration but as mens different Conceptions frequently in Life prevent their Concurring in the means to obtain the End they equally have in View I will Promise the less and Endeavour the more that Every Step I take may conduce to the General welfare.

As Soon as his Lordships Commission made Maryland an object of my Attention and his Commands pointed out a way of Shewing my Zeal in its Service by Procuring a Replacement of the Arms Supplied from the Provincial Armory for the Canada Expedition I lost no time in making Application and with such success that