

L. H. J. A sufficient Number of Delegates to compose the Lower House of  
 Liber No. 47 Assembly being convened at the Stadt-House, Ordered, That Major  
 October 2 Barnes and Mr. Tilghman do acquaint his Excellency therewith.

George Plater, Esq; and Col. Hammond, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House of Assembly 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 acquainted the Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, That the Lord Proprietary had transmitted by him, a Speech to both Houses of Assembly, which, by his Excellency's Directions, was read by the Clerk of the Council, and was as followeth, viz.

F. 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 myself, to assure you, that I shall always follow the good Examples of those my Ancestors, who first enterprized, established, promoted and improved the Province of Maryland: Their great and generous Motives, their constant Regard and Attention to your Interest and Prosperity, their Love and Diligence, and the Effects of it in the Increase of your Numbers, and the Extent of your Commerce, will ever animate and influence me to discharge my Duty to you, and my own Descendents, 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 esteemed 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, for the public Good and general Benefit of this Province, may require.

Gentlemen of both Houses,

With all Duty and Allegiance to my Sovereign, I shall always most sincerely desire to co operate and join 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, Liberties and Properties 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 my just