

U. H. J. tion of our late Governor's Conduct, after so long Experience of his
 Liber No. 36 faithful Service, He can derive no additional Commendation from a
 Dec. 20 Rep[et]ition of our Eulogy.

Permit us, my Lord, most unfeignedly to assure you, that the appointment of M.^r Eden, a Gentleman so much Endeared to you by the nearest Tyes of Affinity, Friendship, and Affection, and who has given the most agreeable and engaging Proofs of his conciliating Affability, and Inclination to make the People under his Government happy, Affords us the Highest Satisfaction.

We want words to express the lively Sense we entertain of Your Lordships Goodness, so eminently displayed in your recommending to both Houses the Improvement of your Province, and the Advancement of its Happiness, and most sincerely wish, that so fair and encouraging an Invitation from your Lordship, by attracting as it ought the general Attention to Subjects of general Utility, may utterly extinguish every Spark of Party Animosity, and raise and invigorate that benef[ic]ent Spirit which is emulous only of promoting the Publick Happiness.

We beg your Lordship to rest assured, that, as we hold it to be on all Occasions our inviolable Duty, so we shall, with the most resolved and unalterable Firmness, vindicate your just Rights and Prerogatives, nor shall any reproaches ever deter us from an uniform and Steady Pursuit of this Principle, upon which, too, the real and essential Interest of the People depend, whose Good Opinion we would rather Chuse to deserve than to have without deserving it

p. 441 It is, my Lord, our warmest wish that you may long, very long, Enjoy the exquisite Satisfaction of diffusing happiness among the People of this Country, and receive from them commensurate Retributions of Duty Affection and Gratitude.

Charles Hammond

20.th December 1769

George Steuart and William Fitzhugh Esq.^{rs} are sent to acquaint the Speaker, that His Excellency requires his immediate Attendance, with the Lower House, to see the Bills passed this Session, receive the Assent.

The Lower House attend and by their Speaker present to His Excellency the following Bills.

A Bill Entitled An Act for the Relief of Mary Hindman of Talbot County.

A Bill Entitled An Act to enable the Justices of Queen Anns County Court, for the Time being to Levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of Saint Lukes Parish in the said County, a Quantity of Tobacco for building a Chapel in the said Parish

A Bill Entitled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entitled An Act for laying out a new and Settling and ascertaining the future Bounds