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His Lordship has been please[d] 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

Tho' 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

His Excellency the Governor was pleased to del[i]ver to this House the following Message from the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

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At the same time I introduce your new Lieutenant Governor Permit me to take a becoming Leave of his Predecessor. M.<sup>r</sup> 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 Interests are indeed inseparable, and he will ill recommend himself to me who does not make the happiness of my Province his first Object. M.<sup>r</sup> Eden is, I Acknowledge, my Brother in Law, and Endeared to me by the nearest Tyes of Affinity, Friendship, and Affection, but, could I distrust his Abilities or Inclinations 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 till You have Tryed 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 other 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.

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