

## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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To The Maryland Historical Society

GENTLEMEN:

The Committee on Publications now presents to the Maryland Historical Society the sixty-second volume of the *Archives of Maryland*. It contains the *Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1769-1770*, and is the thirtieth volume dealing with Assembly affairs. As has been done in the past, the text (pp. 3-453) was printed directly from photostats of the original manuscript records at the Hall of Records, in Annapolis.

Three sessions of the General Assembly were held at Annapolis during the years 1769-1770, one session during 1769 and two in 1770. All were held under the new Governor, Robert Eden (pp. 1, 169, 345).

The members of this General Assembly had been elected in November-December, 1767, while Horatio Sharpe was still Governor of Maryland. The first session of this newly elected Assembly was held under him during May and June, 1768 (*Arch. Md. LXI, 279*). On June 22 Governor Sharpe, with the advice of his Council, prorogued this Assembly to October 4 of that year (*ibid. 420*). Before that day arrived the Governor further prorogued the Assembly until March 21, 1769 (*Arch. Md. XXXII, 248-249*) and by successive prorogations to July 27, 1769 (*ibid. 270, 272, 274*).

Horatio Sharpe, who had been governor of the province since 1753, received words of praise not only from the Lord Proprietary (p. 4), but also was the recipient of many laudatory farewell messages from others, including the Justices and Grand Jurors of the County Courts, the Mayor and City Council of Annapolis, the Judges of the Provincial Court, the prominent attorneys, and the Anglican clergy then serving in the colony. The names of those who signed these addresses are their chief interest. In the case of the last two messages six judges and twenty-one members of the bar signed and thirty-five clergymen of the "Established Church" (*Maryland Gazette*, Nov. 3, 24, Dec. 1, 22, 1768; Feb. 16, May 4, 25, 1769).

On June 6, 1769, Robert Eden became Governor of Maryland. In the *Maryland Gazette*, which was published each week on Thursday, there appeared in the issue for June 8, 1769, an account of his arrival in Maryland:

On Monday Afternoon [June 5] arrived here in good Health, in the Ship Lord Baltimore, Capt. Mitchel, his Excellency Robert Eden, Esq; our Governor,