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20. Sept^r 89.

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From M^r Hill to Lord Baltemore
Rec^d the 29th Sept^r 1689.

Coll: Coode to the Earl of Shrewsbury

From His Majesty's Garrison at Mattapany in Maryland.
Sept^r 22^d 1689.

May it please your Lordshipe,

Having had the happynes to serve His Majesty in the quality of Commander in Chiefe of His Majesty's forces in this Province by the order and appointment of the representative body of the whole Province in a generall Assembly, have received His Majesty's commands from your Lordships & Cap: Gillam, intimateinge warrs with the French Kinge, and to put the Province in a posture of defence, against the French, and that ships from hence sayle hereafter in fleets. As to what relates to the French attempts against His Majesty's Province and subjects here, make bold to informe your Lordship, that all possible and convenient care has been taken (before the arrivall of your Lordshipps letter and the said Gillam) by takeinge up armes against our late popish Gov^{rs} here in defence of their Majestyes soveraigne right and title to this Province the protestant religion and the lives and libertyes of His Majestyes Subjects here, which we had sufficient reason to thinke in danger of being undermined and betrayed by the hopes and encouragement the papists here, as well as elsewhere, His Majestyes knowne enemies have from the French; concerninge which, the Officers souldiers and gentlemen then in armes have sent their declaration, and most humble and dutyfull addresses to their Majestyes; which are the generall heads of our complainte and caus of flyeing to armes: which have been likewise seconded by another address from the whole Province in a generall Assembly, to which with all humility referr. In order to our further security we have an Agent at Albany under His Majestyes Government of New Yorke; to remit us what information he can of the French proceedings or attempts from Canady, who hath sent us account of some Indian spies sent from thence into this Province to make observation of the preparation and strength of the same, I have therefore and in obedience to His Majestyes commands by Captain Gillam, sent orders to all the military Officers in each County in this Province to make all necessary preparation of defence, which will be complied with upon account of our allegiance, self preservation and the great encouragement His Majesty has been pleased to give us (in your Lordship's