

The Earle of Shrewsbury's letter to my Lord Baltemore.

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Whitehall the 15th of Aprill 1689.

My Lord,

I am by his Majesty's Commands to acquaint your Lordship that his Majesty being sensible of the great and frequent injuries his subjects dayly receive from the French in apparent violation of the Treaties between the Two Crowns and particularly by the assistance that King has lately given and continues to give his enemies in Ireland and by the invading his Majesty's Territories in America and disturbing the Trade of his Majesty's subjects in those parts for severall years last past, his Majesty has therefore directed all necessary Preparations to be made for a speedy war with the French King, which has occasioned the giving you this early notice of it that you may with all possible diligence take effectual care for the opposing and resisting any attempt of the French upon his Majesty's Province of Maryland and that you take care that all Ships coming from thence do not Saile hereafter otherwise than in Fleets and you are also to assure his Masjesty's subjects in that Province of his Majesty's Protection by sending forthwith a considerable squadron of ships into the West Indies and other succours that shall be requisit not only for securing his Majesty's Plantations in America but obliging the French to make reparation for the many unjust & violent proceedings & attempts against his Majesty's subjects in those parts.

I am etc.

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Whitehall 19 April 1689.

My Lord,

Inclosed you will receive a letter written by his Majesty's Order to give your Lordship notice of a war his Majesty is declaring against France to which I refer you and have only further to add that you take care that the hired Ship that brings this Packett be dispatcht with all speed to Carolina, which direction I am ordered to give your Lordship least the